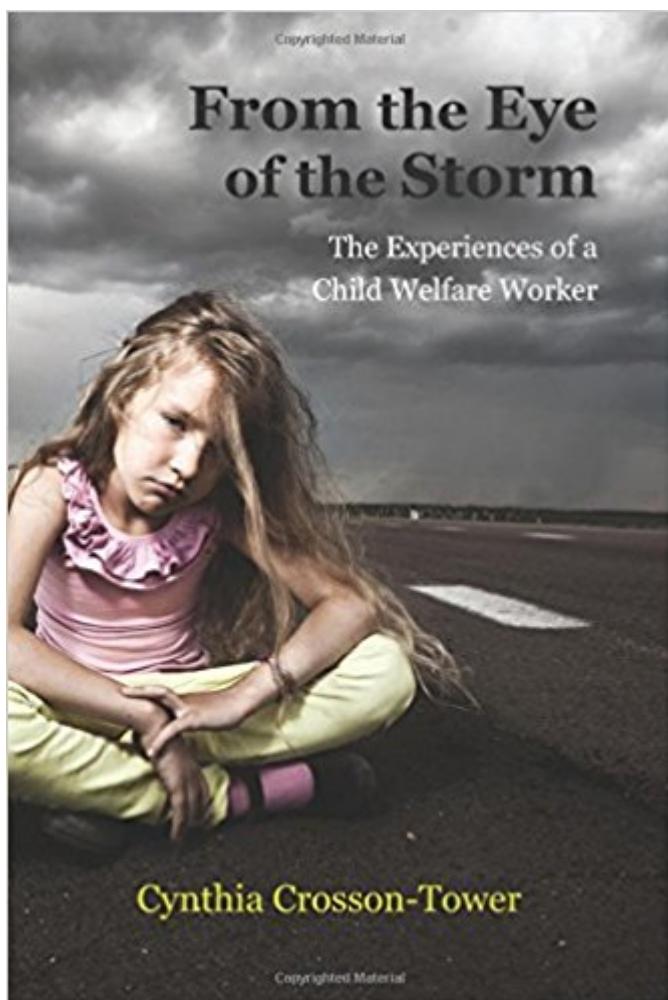


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# From The Eye Of The Storm: The Experiences Of A Child Welfare Worker



## **Synopsis**

Crosson-Tower's first-person narrative, interwoven with glimpses of over 20 social welfare system cases, is a combination of engaging storytelling and stark reality. It recounts the early days of her career that spanned more than three decades. After landing a position in the Division of Child Guardianship in Boston, Crosson-Tower is quickly indoctrinated by department manuals, a heavy caseload, and the challenge of dealing with the unexpected. This exceptional window to the role of a social worker reveals unique and turbulent circumstances in which resiliency and sensitivity play a large part. Incisive and discussion-generating "Questions for Thought" instigate readers to pause and consider the practices they would use in each case. Titles of related interest also from Waveland Press: Bibb, Rose's Story, Revised Edition (978157766622); Iglehart-Becerra, Social Services and the Ethnic Community: History and Analysis, Second Edition (ISBN 9781577666820); Kagle-Kopels, Social Work Records, Third Edition (ISBN 9781577665465); arsons, Fundamentals of the Helping Process, Second Edition (ISBN 9781577667162); and Royse et al., Field Instruction: A Guide for Social Work Students, Seventh Edition (ISBN 9781478635291).

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This book was a great introduction into the real life work of social workers in the child welfare sector. I appreciated her first person experience and learned a great deal about how to work with folks from all different walks of life.

VERY good book. Would highly recommend to anyone who is considering a career in social services, or just wants to know about more about the system. Crosson-Tower is a phenomenal storyteller. Will gladly read anything she writes.

Great story well written book. I enjoyed reading it. It has sad parts as well as happy one. It gives you a good look as what it is like to be a child welfare social worker.

Thank you for the book as described! It has served me well for my Child Advocacy class.

This book is very cool, and it brings you to the ideas and thoughts of the author. She was just coming into the field of child welfare and she described her situations with parents, children and coworkers very well. This is a well written book, and if you are considering working in this field , you should read this book first. She talks about how unfair the law can be when providing for childrens care and familial details. She also goes on about the work setting and how it can be stressful. She fell in love with the children and that's the important thing. It won my heart as well. Great book

As a social worker, more often than not the truth is stranger than fiction.

Good book so far.

Good book for Social Workers! Thank you!

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