community disasters is disappointing in today's context. This field has developed greatly through research and experience and continues to suggest new models. For such a recent publication, the discourse on DSM IV is also somewhat dated. The chapter on murder is sparse but deals well with the psychosocial impact of the judicial processes. The section on drunk driving fatality has helpful information on the vocabulary used in such circumstances and I found the comments on society's attitudes constructive and thought-provoking.

For the treatment of traumatic grief the authors advise two dimensions: assessment and treatment, followed by maintenance and support, and this division could be helpful for the clinician deciding on a long-term treatment plan. The discussion on psychometric tools is helpful but rather academic in approach. The same criticism could be levelled at the models which are produced by the authors and reproduced throughout the book.

Finally, the authors look at research into the needs of the bereaved based on the perceptions of the bereaved themselves, and here the book regains some sense of real people which will be welcomed by the reader. There is more, muchneeded humanity in the descriptions of those who experience disenfranchised grief, eg after a suicide or AIDS-related death, though the vicarious traumatising that can result is dealt with rather superficially, given the difficulty of these situations. 

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