

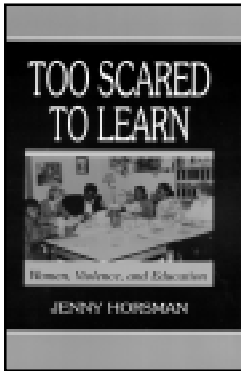
# New Book...

**LEA** Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

## TOO SCARED TO LEARN Women, Violence, and Education

Jenny Horsman

*Spiral Community Resource Group, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*



*"A groundbreaking study that brings a critical issue for adult educators out of the closet. Trauma and violence have been invisible elephants. Horsman is a pioneer in raising awareness about their pervasiveness in learners' lives, their consequences for learning, and their implications for teaching. The book goes far beyond naming trauma as an issue; it presents a frame for understanding it which challenges traditional therapeutic models, situating the issue in a broad social context. It is an important contribution to the theory and practice of adult education which will change the way we think about the role of trauma in learners' lives and in the literacy classroom."*

—Elsa Auerbach

*University of Massachusetts*

*"A landmark book in both its content and methodology....Uses cutting-edge work on the theorization and therapeutic response to women's experience of violence and its resulting trauma to explore what this may mean for literacy learning and develop new guidelines for best practice in literacy learning and teaching."*

—Susan Heald

*University of Manitoba*

*Too Scared to Learn* explores the impact of women's experiences of violence on their learning, and proposes radical changes to educational programs through connecting therapeutic and educational discourses. Little attention has previously been paid to the impact of violence on learning.

A large percentage of women who come to adult literacy programs have experienced, or are currently experiencing, violence in their lives. This experience of violence negatively affects their ability to improve their literacy skills. Literacy programs and other educational programs have not integrated this reality into their work.

This book builds on extensive research that revealed the wide range of impacts violence has on adult literacy learning. Interviews with counselors and therapists, literacy learners, and educators working in different situations, and a wide range of theoretical and experiential literature, form the basis of the analysis. Educators are offered information to support reconceptualizing programs and practices and making concrete changes that will enable women to learn more effectively. The book makes clear that without an acknowledgment of the impact of violence on learning, women, rather than getting a chance to succeed and improve their literacy skills, get only a chance to fail, confirming to themselves that they really cannot learn.

Essential reading for literacy and adult education practitioners, teachers of English as a second language, and education theorists, *Too Scared to Learn* explores the intersection among trauma, psychological theory, and pedagogy. The book is filled with a wealth of practical ideas, possibilities, and thoughts about what practitioners might *do* differently in classrooms and educational institutions if we begin to *think* differently about violence.

**Contents:** Preface. **Part I: *Canaries in the Mine.*** Introduction. What Is "Normal" in a Violent Society? Breaking the Silence in Literacy. **Part II: *Learning in the Context of Trauma.*** Beyond "Normal" Appearances: "Hidden" Impacts of Trauma. Learning in the Context of Trauma: The Challenge of Setting Goals. Bringing the Whole Person to Learning Spirit. **Part III: *Bearing Witness.*** Bridging the Divide Between Literacy and Therapy. Examining the Costs of Bearing Witness. **Part IV: *Pulling It All Together.*** Rethinking Change.

0-8058-3658-6 [cloth] / 2000 / 376pp. / \$79.95

**0-8058-3659-4 [paper] / 2000 / 376pp. / \$39.95**

## SPECIAL PREPAID DISCOUNT OFFER! Save 20%

Simply complete this form and send it (please make a photocopy if faxing your order) to:

Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., 10 Industrial Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430-2262

(201) 236-9500 FAX (201) 760-3735 e-mail to: [orders@erlbaum.com](mailto:orders@erlbaum.com) toll-free to order: **1-800-926-6579**

Please send me **TOO SCARED TO LEARN** edited by Jenny Horsman as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ cloth copies (3658-6) at the **special discounted price of \$63.95** (regularly \$79.95).

\_\_\_\_\_ **paper copies (3659-4)** at the **special discounted price of \$31.95** (regularly \$39.95).

Payment enclosed (U.S. currency only. Please add handling charge of \$2.00 for the first item, and \$.50 for each additional item. LEA pays postage.)

Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (NJ residents add 6% sales tax.)

Charge my

VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

(UPS and handling charges will be added to credit card orders.)

Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Credit card orders cannot be processed without your signature.)

Please print clearly to ensure proper delivery.

STREET ADDRESS/SUITE/ROOM# REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Prices are subject to change without notice. Offer valid only in North America.** Canadian prices may be slightly higher. Orders from Europe should be directed to: The Eurospan Group, 3 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8LU, England; toll-free tel(UK only): 0800-526-830; tel: +44 (0)171-240-0856; fax: +44 (0)171-379-0609; e-mail: [orders@eurospan.co.uk](mailto:orders@eurospan.co.uk)

Visit LEA's web site at: [www.erlbaum.com](http://www.erlbaum.com)

SPCL