

what to do when you've been raped. It is here, however, that I began to wonder who in fact would read such a work. For one, the trendy womens' libber but, she would certainly already know most of the general arguments, though might value the reference addresses. Perhaps also the Citizens' Advice Bureau might enjoy a copy. However, the day to day rape victim or patronised patient would scarcely have any use for such high level journalism. And at the end of the day the hidden (and somewhat naive) political curriculum is suddenly revealed. Karl Marx, Samuel Smiles and Ivan Illich ride again, shooting down the evil bad men of the capitalist medical power elite.

In fact one feels one is entering a time warp. The book becomes so full of the strident placardese of the 1960's that its good intention of being a useful resource document are lost in a haze of political confusion. Doctors cease to be individuals like me or my friends, but become a class of technocrats. Patients cease to be individuals like me or my friends but become a class of victims.

No—it won't do. Collectivism to protect the rights of the individual inevitably also robs him of rights. And although medicine is overrated and many things can be done by laymen for themselves. despite its limitations, medical technology is also, in certain areas quite effective. I wouldn't let a sociologist do an eye operation on me—nor suspect would you.

But this bilious review should not dissuade you from purchasing this book. It is a lively and informative document that is well worth its modest price.

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Dear Sirs,

With reference to the recent paper by Stravynski (1978), I cannot speak for the other participants in the symposium but I find his implications to be both offensive and inaccurate. I have specified what I mean by generalisations, I am certainly not susceptible to the "uniformity myth", and I have discussed at length what measures can be taken to alter treatment procedures with a view to improving generalisations, (Shepherd, 1977; 1978a; 1978b; Shepherd and Richardson, 1978). I trust those readers who are interested, and behaviourally-minded will consult the 'evidence' and will not accept subjective, anecdotal, reports.

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