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Facilitated by developments in technologies, the non-consensual posting of sexually explicit images of someone else for revenge, entertainment or political motive – so called 'revenge porn' – has become a global phenomenon. This ground breaking book argues that these fundamental and recurring issues about how victims are violated can be understood in terms of gender and sexual dynamics and constructions, binary gender and sexual positioning and logics, and the use of sexual meanings.

Using a discourse analytical approach the authors examine revenge pornography through the words of the perpetrators themselves, and study the complex ways in which they invoke, and deploy, gender and sexuality-based discourses to blame the victim. They explore strategies to curb the phenomenon of revenge porn, and by placing their research in a broader social and political context, the authors are able to examine the effectiveness of current legislative frameworks, education and awareness raising, victim support, perpetrator re-education programmes, along with wider political considerations.

This enhanced understanding of the perpetrator mind set provides important insights into the use of social media to facilitate gender violence, and holds the promise of more effective interventions in future. This is a unique resource for students, academics, researchers, and professionals interested in revenge pornography and related issues.

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