

## Book reviews

### Preamble

When Mark Smith's *Rethinking Residential Child Care* came out, I was keen to ask Pat Petrie, Professor of Education at the Thomas Coram Research Unit, to review it for the journal. Pat's considerable research and writing experience offer alternative ways of thinking about children's services, and within that, residential child care. Around the same time, Zachari Duncalf, our (then new) Research Fellow, approached me with an interest in reviewing the book. Zachari is not only a bright and energetic addition to SIRCC, but she has considerable personal experience of residential child care--as a young resident during a period of her youth. So I decided to do something different with book review for this edition of the journal. Zachari and Pat have each provided their review of the book, and each has a different perspective on it. We will invite Mark Smith to respond in the next issue of the journal.

In this issue, unfortunately, we do not have any book reviews by young people in care. I have a few 'irons in the fire', but none were ready at the time of print. So, I'll offer apologies and put out another call for young reviewers. We would very much like to include at least one or two reviews by young people in care in each issue. Guidance and editorial support will be provided, and the young person can choose which book to review. The Scottish Journal of Residential Child Care will pay for (and even deliver) the book, and the young person will receive a complimentary copy of the journal that contains their review. For this to work, an invested adult with whom that young person has a relationship is necessary. So if you know a young person who might enjoy writing a review, please do get in touch with me. My details are in the back of the journal.

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