

BOOK REVIEWS



**Paul Nash, Mark Bartel, and Sally Nash, eds.,
Paediatric Chaplaincy: Principles, Practices and Skills
(London: Jessica Kingsley Press, 2018), 306 pp.**

P*aediatric Chaplaincy: Principles, Practices and Skills* is a collection of essays by leading spiritual care practitioners from around the world. It is edited in such a way that readers can easily access information on various methods, disciplines, and tools within pediatric chaplaincy. This well-curated book can be useful to chaplains, spiritual care students, and many other practitioners within pediatric care due to its broad reach of topics ranging from trauma to cultural difference. The logic of the table of contents as well as the index makes this volume even more accessible to those who are beginning to understand their work as a spiritual care specialist or generalist. Even an advanced practitioner can find value in the various voices as they push dialogue about methods and practice in new ways. Furthermore, each chapter can stand alone as a teaching module for its particular topic. Of particular interest is the space given to the subjects of pediatric mental illness, trauma, and child abuse. These areas are not addressed in most teaching arenas, but they find solid expression within these pages. The tools and techniques can serve to expand one's existing skills and deepen one's understanding, illuminating previously unseen opportunities for growth. As such, this book has well accomplished its goal to expand both theory and practice.

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