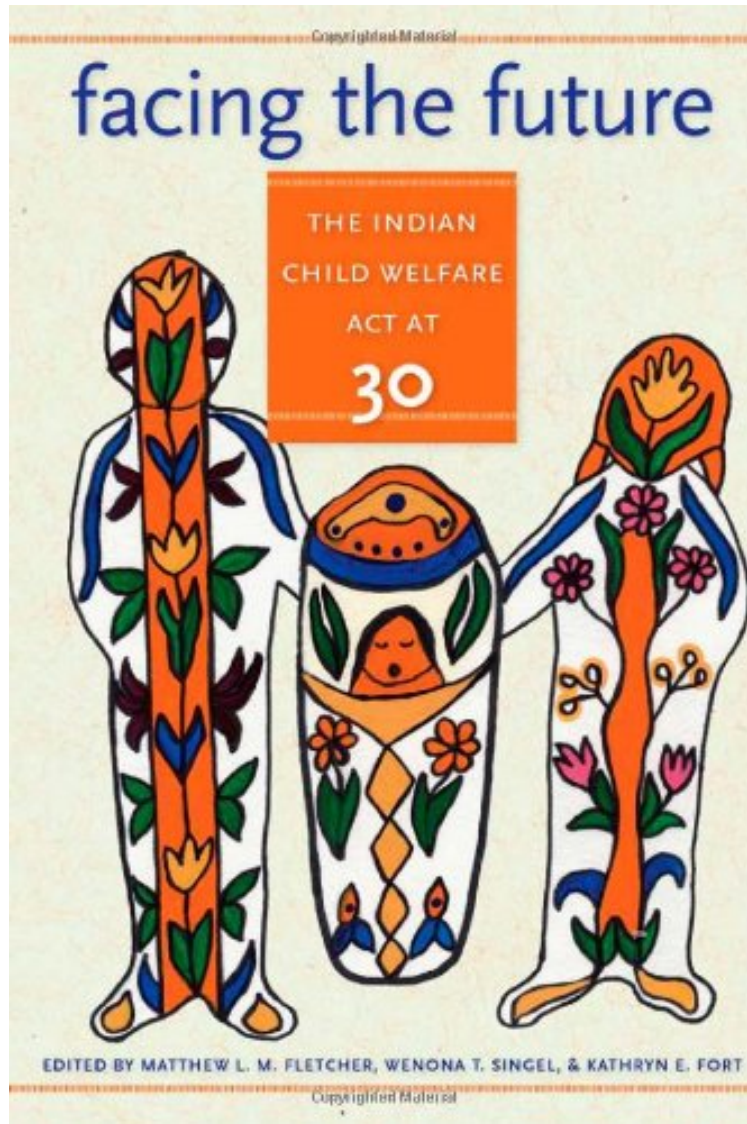


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professors, tribal law practitioners, etc. I happen to be a law student, but I think it is mostly understandable to anyone. A couple of chapters would be hard to fully understand without some legal training, like the discussion provided on the Indian commerce clause written by the editor, but most chapters a layman could appreciate, such as those talking about the social conditions prompting the statute's enactment and how things have changed since then. Because ICWA is a federal law impacting the practice of any social worker handling cases that involve Indian children, every social worker should be aware of it. My understanding is that most uni's do not have it in the curriculum, which is terrible. There are guides to ICWA available online that social workers can use to study up on the statute and get a sense for how it works mechanically. Social workers frequently engaging with Indian families could get a lot of value from additionally reading this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful By Angela WOW! Anyone wanting to understand ICWA should DEFINITELY read this book! Thorough and profound, to say the least! On top of it, this book came earlier than stated and in the condition it was to come in so I am VERY happy with this purchase!

The U.S. Congress is charged with responsibility for the protection and preservation of American Indian tribes, including Indian children. In 1978, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), with the intent to "protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families." ICWA sets federal requirements that apply to state child custody proceedings involving an Indian child who is a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe. ICWA also sets out federal requirements regarding removal of Indian children and their placement in foster or adoptive homes, and it allows the child's tribe to intervene in the case. The history of the Act is a tangle of legal, social, and emotional complications. Some state courts have found unusual legal arguments to avoid applying the law, while some states have gone beyond the terms of the Act to provide greater protections for Indian people. This collection brings together for the first time a multidisciplinary assessment of the law with scholars, practitioners, lawyers, and social workers all offering perspectives on the value and importance of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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