The collection is primarily aimed at undergraduate and post-graduate students in the fields of education, social work, social policy, social care and sociology, as well as practitioners and policy makers with an interest in care-experienced children and young people.

Blurb:

Despite a proliferation of legislative action in response to differential outcomes, the relative educational, employment and lifecourse disadvantages of individuals who have experienced the care system remains a pressing issue of widespread international concern. In Wales, a significant body of work has been produced on, and with, care-experienced children and young people. This edited collection attempts to highlight these valuable insights in a single volume, with contributions from well-established and early career scholars working in different traditions – including education, psychology, policy studies, sociology and social work – to provide a unique opportunity for reflection across disciplinary boundaries and shed new light on common problems and opportunities stimulated by research in the field of social care. The volume introduces a range of contexts and sites – including the home, the school, alternative educational institutions, contact centres, and the natural environment – and reflexively explores changes and continuities within the political and geographical landscape that constitutes Wales. Each chapter introduces insights, reflections and recommendations about the care system and its impacts, which will be useful for readers across geographical contexts who are concerned with improving the lives of children, young people and wider family networks.

Key Selling Points:

- The book sets a context for the background of the care population in Wales, and charts research that explores educational experiences, outcomes, and the interventions put in place that seek to alleviate the educational disadvantages experienced by children and young people in care.
- The book draws on empirical research to explore the lived experiences of care experienced children and young people, in a range of contexts and sites, including the home, the school, alternative educational institutions, contact centres, and the natural environment.
- The book documents the ‘doing’ of research and methodological approaches that work directly with participants, involving participatory, qualitative, reflexive and collaborative techniques and innovative research methodologies.
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The Politics and Poetics of Romantic Exchange, 1780-1820

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- Minerva’s Gothics restores a forgotten pathway between first-generation Romantic reactions to popular print culture and Percy Shelley’s influential conceptualization of the poet.

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