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AIDS: Crisis In America : A Reference Handbook (Contemporary World Issues)



Synopsis

This revealing and sobering volume brings the big picture of the HIV/AIDS epidemic into focus. Includes list of organizations, government agencies, hotlines, and internet resources. Includes other print and nonprint resources --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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The strengths of this information-packed but somewhat carelessly executed reference guide include its compilations of statistics, chapters on the impact of AIDS among the homeless and the incarcerated, and excerpts from source documents such as the 1986 Surgeon General's report. Weaknesses include the user-unfriendly inclusion of four separate glossaries (the text incorrectly states that they don't overlap); baffling omissions (e.g., AIDSLINE) and selections (e.g., GAO reports on drug abuse) in the information resources list (for a more complete list, see Jeffrey Huber's *How To Find Information About AIDS*, 2d ed., Harrington Park Pr: Haworth, 1992); and a partisan slant that brings the work's objectivity into question. A comparable (and more tightly edited) volume is Stephen and Carl Flanders's *Library in a Book: AIDS* (Facts on File, 1991). Other up-to-date sources include the looseleaf service *AIDS Reference Guide* (Atlantic Information Services, 1989+) and the *AIDS Information Sourcebook* (Oryx, annual). Recommended only for

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