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of hospices has already informed developments in the United States. As the Clinton health care reforms are currently being debated, Clark's book will be of particular relevance to those engaged in this important field of service.

Brian Corby. *Child Abuse: Towards a Knowledge Base*. Buckingham, England: Open University Press, 1993. \$32.50 papercover. (Distributed in the United States by Taylor and Francis, 1900 Frost Road, Bristol, PA 19007).

The problem of child abuse has generated a great deal of research in recent times and there is a need to draw the findings of this research together. Corby has succeeded admirably in doing so. His book covers important topics such as the definition of child abuse, the history of child abuse, etiology, the consequences of abuse and the nature of the abuser. A final chapter summarizes the limited research which has been undertaken into child protective social work services.

This is a well written, comprehensive and informative book. Although dealing primarily with developments in England, extensive references are also made to research findings in the United States. The book is not only of value to American readers who are interested in developments in Britain, but it effectively summarizes key findings pertaining to this country as well.

Frances K. Goldscheider and Calvin Goldscheider. *Leaving Home Before Marriage: Ethnicity, Familism and Generational Relationships*. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1993. \$27.50 hardcover.

The Goldscheiders are sociologists at Brown University who have sought to investigate the decisions that young people and their families make about leaving the parental home. The Goldscheider's research findings are based on studies of some 60,000 young people who were tracked for six years after completing their high school education. In addition to studying the children, data about the parents and their attitudes were also collected.

While the research revealed complex patterns which are difficult to summarize, the study found that economic, cultural and religious factors played a significant role in determining when young people leave home. Economic independence was