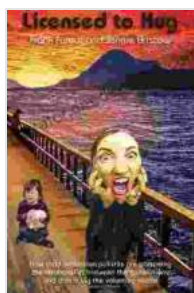


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This fear of the DCS is a major problem. It prevents families from getting the help they need. It also creates a climate of fear and suspicion in the community.

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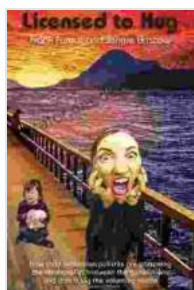
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- We need to provide more training to DCS workers. This training should focus on how to work with families in a respectful and collaborative way. It should also focus on how to identify and assess risk factors.

- We need to create a more transparent and accountable child protection system. This means making it easier for families to file complaints against DCS workers. It also means making it easier for families to access their case files.

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Child protection policies are a necessary part of our society. However, we need to make sure that these policies are based on sound principles and that they are implemented in a way that is respectful of families. By making some changes to the way we approach child protection, we can create a system that is truly effective in protecting children from harm.



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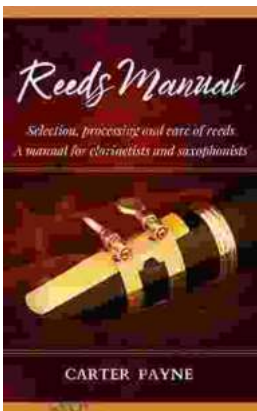
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