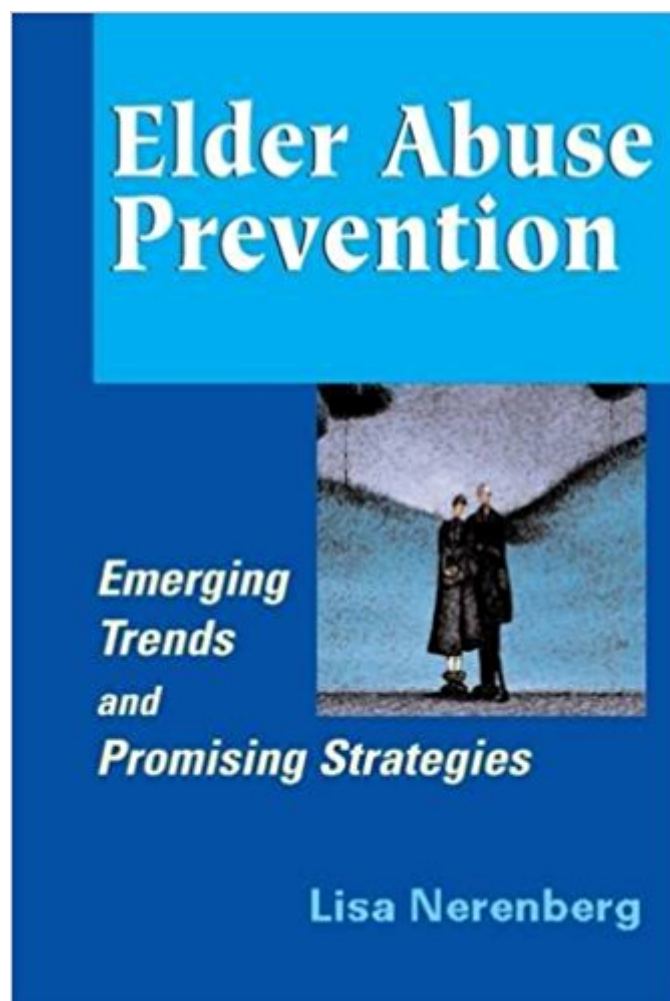


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# Elder Abuse Prevention: Emerging Trends And Promising Strategies



## Synopsis

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