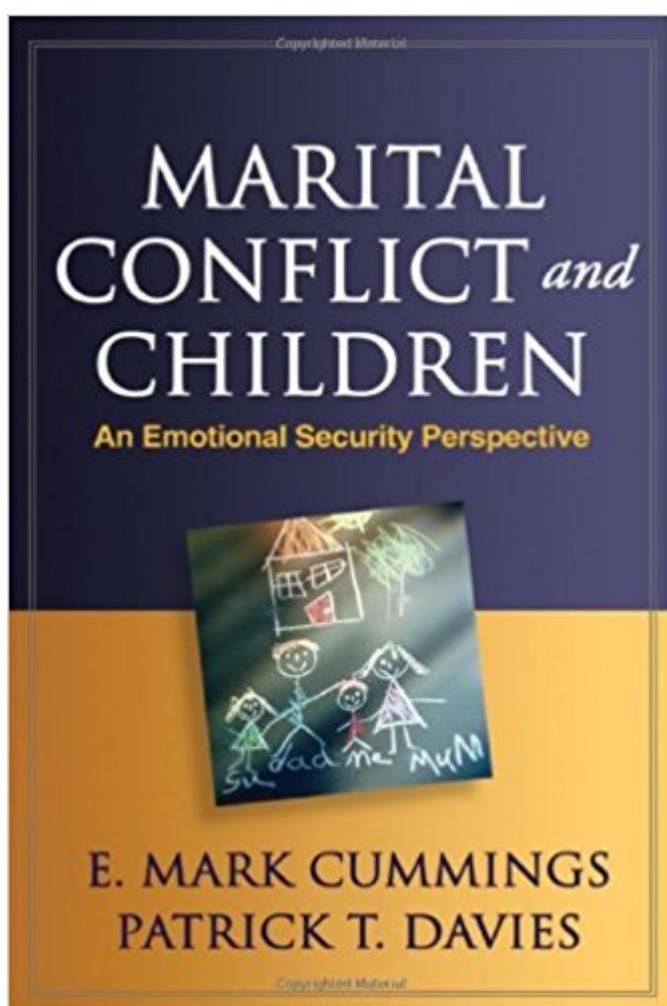


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# Marital Conflict And Children: An Emotional Security Perspective (The Guilford Series On Social And Emotional Development)



## **Synopsis**

From leading researchers, this book presents important advances in understanding how growing up in a discordant family affects child adjustment, the factors that make certain children more vulnerable than others, and what can be done to help. It is a state-of-the-science follow-up to the authors' seminal earlier work, *Children and Marital Conflict: The Impact of Family Dispute and Resolution*. The volume presents a new conceptual framework that draws on current knowledge about family processes; parenting; attachment; and children's emotional, physiological, cognitive, and behavioral development. Innovative research methods are explained and promising directions for clinical practice with children and families are discussed.

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"Cummings and Davies have done it again! This is a superb book, combining years of programmatic research with keen insights and a constant eye toward practical applications for practitioners and the parents they work with. *Marital Conflict and Children* is 'must' reading for researchers and practitioners in psychology, family therapy, and associated disciplines, as well as a great text for upper-division undergraduate and graduate classes."--Robert E. Emery, PhD, Department of Psychology and Director, Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia "Rapid advances in research have illuminated the fascinating and complex connections between marital conflict and the well-being of children. Here, noted scientists Cummings and Davies pull together

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