A religious upbringing can be a wonderful experience for children. Breaking Their Will: Shedding Light on Religious Child Maltreatment by Janet Heimlich (Prometheus). When US police found the body of a child who had been abused by religious cult members, they were shocked to discover that the child had been beaten with a strap and had been denied access to medical care. This is just one example of the many cases of religious child maltreatment reported in the US and around the world. Breaking Their Will is a powerful and deeply disturbing book that exposes the dark side of faith that most Americans do not know exists or have thought about. Janet Heimlich, the author of Breaking Their Will, is a former public defender who has spent years working with families affected by child abuse and neglect. She is also the founder of the National Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect, a organization dedicated to ending child abuse and neglect. Breaking Their Will is a must-read for anyone concerned about the well-being of children and the role of religion in promoting their safety and well-being.