The book forms part of our Restorative Justice Series and includes critical updates from the International. Restorative Justice. Controversial Topics. Edited by two leading restorative justice scholars from the West and East, this unique book bridges a gap in the literature by bringing together new evidence on the application of restorative practices in educational settings. The book has two aims. First, it builds a bridge between the restorative justice world in the East with that of the West. (2004). Restorative Justice: Ideals and Realities (1st ed.). Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781351150125. COPY. This volume brings together the leading work on restorative justice to achieve two objectives: to construct a comprehensive and up-to-date conceptual framework for restorative justice suitable even for newcomers; and to challenge the barriers of restorative justice in the hope of taking its theory and practice a step further. The selected articles start by answering some fundamental questions about restorative justice regarding its historical and philosophical origins, and challenge the concept by bringing into the debate the human rights and equality discourses. The Little Book of Restorative Justice is for those who have heard the term and are curious about what it implies. It is also for those who are involved in the field but are becoming unclear or losing track of what they are trying to do. I hope to help bring clarity about where the restorative justice â€œtrainâ€ should be headed and, in some cases, to nudge the train back onto the track. Such an effort is important at this time. Restorative justice is by no means an answer to all situations. Nor is it clear that it should replace the legal system, even in an ideal world. Many feel that even if restorative justice could be widely implement-ed, some form of the Western legal system (ideally, a restoratively-oriented one) would still be needed as a backup and guardian of basic human rights. 1. Restorative justice 1.1 Definitions of key concepts 1.2 Features of restorative justice programmes 1.3 Underlying assumptions 1.4 Process values and goals 1.5 Objectives. 2. The use of restorative approaches 2.1 Main types of programmes 2.2 Variation in criminal justice programmes 2.3 Victim-offender mediation 2.4 Community and family group conferencing 2.5 Circle sentencing 2.6 Restorative programmes for juvenile offenders 2.7 Indigenous and customary justice forums. 3. Principles and safeguards 3.1 Basic principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters 3.2 Examp Evaluating restorative justice outcomes, Jaimie P. Beven, Guy Hall, Irene Froyland, Brian Steels and Dorothy Goulding; A third voice: a review of empirical research on the psychological outcomes of restorative justice, Barton Poulson. Part IV Critiques and Pushing the Barriers: Compulsory compassion: justice, fellow-feeling, and the restorative encounter, Annalise Acorn; Victims of restorative governmentalities, George Pavlich; Reflections on family violence and restorative justice: addressing the critique, Anne Hayden; Restorative justice and the retributive legal context, Elizabeth E. Elliot