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In *What Works in Corrections*, Doris Layton MacKenzie examines the effects of correctional interventions, management policies, and treatment and rehabilitation programs on the recidivism of offenders and delinquents. She reviews different strategies for reducing recidivism and describes how the evidence for effectiveness is assessed. MacKenzie examined thousands of studies to identify those with sufficient scientific rigor to enable her to draw conclusions about the effects of various interventions, policies, and programs on recidivism. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses were performed to further examine these results. In this book, she assesses the relative effectiveness of rehabilitation programs (e.g., education, life skills, employment, and cognitive behavioral), treatment for different types of offenders (e.g., sex offenders, batterers, and juveniles), management and treatment options for drug-involved offenders (e.g., drug courts, therapeutic communities, and outpatient drug treatment), and punishment, control, and surveillance interventions (e.g., boot camps, intensive supervision, and electronic monitoring). Through her extensive research, MacKenzie illustrates which of these programs are most effective and why.

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