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- New chapter on trauma treatment for victims of intimate partner violence (IPV)
- New chapter on human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children
- New chapter on false confessions of battered women