

Turning Stones was written by a former caseworker, Marc Parent. He worked out of New, York, New York but had cases throughout the five boroughs. In this novel, Parent explained a mixture of five cases that had a profound impact on his life. Additionally, he explained to readers that he tried to incorporate the perspective of the client and himself in each case. Also, Parent described how each case impacted his mental health and career. Parent wrapped up his last chapter encompassing two powerful quotes. The first is from a Nun: “I turn a stone so that the place is different because I’ve been there” (Parent, 1998). Lastly, Parent stated, “So that the place is different because I’ve been there—not to change the world, but so the world doesn’t change me” (Parent, 1998). Both of these statements have impacted the way I see my future career as a social worker in the child welfare system.