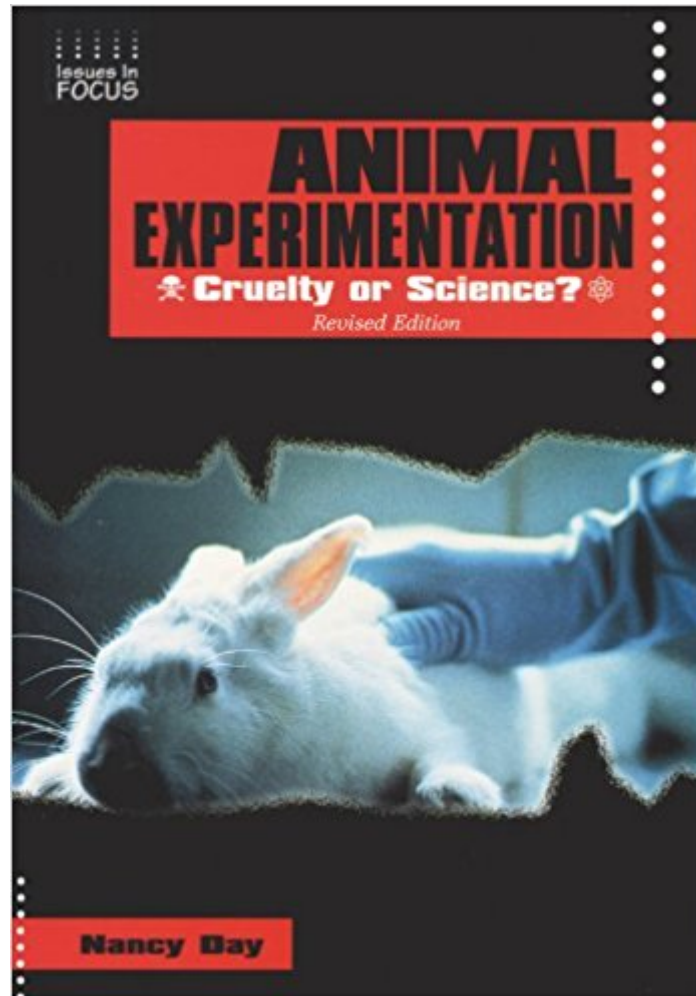




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Recognition of changing attitudes is reflected in the introduction of animal law into law-school curricula and research efforts of some universities seeking alternatives to animal experimentation. Extensive footnotes and a newly added list of Internet sites round out this well-researched and informative presentation. Geraldine Woods's *Animal Experimentation and Testing* (Enslow, 1999) and David M. Haugen's *Animal Experimentation* (Greenhaven, 2000) are also good choices.-Cynthia M. Sturgis, Leding Library, Milwaukie, OR
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Gr. 7-12. Are laboratory experiments on animals a cruel and unnecessary procedure, or a vital part

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