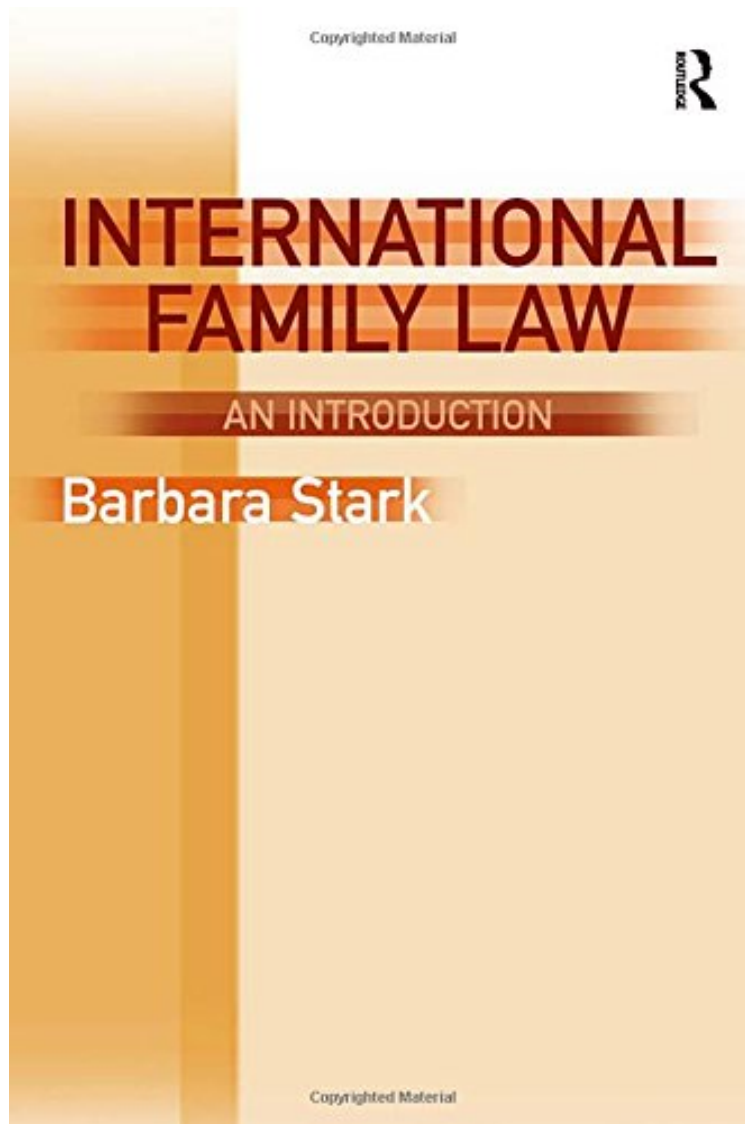


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but after that, it's mostly a bunch of cases filling up this small book that tries poorly to be comprehensive. Too bad, because there are some burning issues in this field, like abduction (barely touched upon), child labor (hardly discussed), marriage fraud (a terrorist tactic totally ignored), anchor babies and chain migration (the author seems unaware of these as well as the following), honor killings, acid burnings, dowry crime, human trafficking, and sex slavery. I understand the book is not supposed to be an issues book. It's a law book. But, I think one can go to the Hague site or a U.N. site and learn just as much.

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