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With John Behnke, Bok has co-edited The Dilemmas of Euthanasia (1975), and with Daniel Callahan, Ethics Teaching in Higher Education (1980). Her books include: Lying: Moral choice in Private and Public Life (1978); Secrets: On the Ethics of Concealment and Revelation (1982); A Strategy for Peace: Human Values and the Threat of War (1989); and Alva Myrdal: A Daughter's Memoir (1991). At present, she is completing a book on media violence.