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Preface

This book was written in 1980 when I was a lecturer in social work at the University of Bristol, and it draws on my own experience of working in teams and teaching about it, some of the literature on teamwork and the experiences of many others who have given me case examples and information; in particular, Renee Daines and Nick Welch provided the more extended case studies given in Chapter 7, Mary Marshall and John Cypher provided various contacts and my colleagues at Bristol University have given me useful examples of teamwork in various ways. I am most grateful to them all.

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