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Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series: Human Behavior In The Social Environment (SW 327 Human Behavior And The Social Environment)





Synopsis

This lively, comprehensive introduction to human behavior in the social environment offers a multidimensional approach to the topic, with discussion of integrative practice, theory, treatment, and services as well as matters pertaining to diversity addressed throughout the text. The text provides solid coverage of foundation knowledge, integrates the biopsychosocial dimensions for assessing social functioning, and offers case studies to illuminate the applied aspects of the content. Furthermore, as part of the Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series, the fifth edition thoroughly integrates the core competencies and recommended practice behaviors outlined in the 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) set by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), thus helping students connect foundation knowledge with specific practice concerns. Study tables and concept maps (for each discussion of behavior in the development chapters) clarify major phases of biopsychosocial development across the life span. This framework gives students a concrete tool for assessing human behavior from a perspective that reflects the values and knowledge base of the social work profession.Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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This book was one of the driest textbooks I have ever read. The chapters are very long and they take forever to read (and I don't read slow). While this book has a lot of good information in it, it has too much information in it. I often found myself trying to not fall asleep while reading this book, but then I could go read a different textbook and be just fine. I can understand how an instructor would find this book useful and want to use it, but as a student I will say that this book was awful and I am more than happy to be able to trade it in to and never see it again.

I admit that I only have experience with this one HBSE textbook (and, in a quick search, I can find at least a dozen like it). But what I appreciate about this one is how quickly it gets through the foundational material and then begins applying that material to the stages of life. Biophysical, psychological, and social/spiritual consideration is given to all eight stages of life (the textbook uses Erik Erikson's stages as a baseline, but shifts the age range on some of them).While the text doesn't go quite far enough, it does a half-decent job of critiquing the classic models and understandings of human development of being biased toward white/male/Western, as those were the only populations upon which any extensive qualitative&quantitative studies were done. Unfortunately, in studying some minority / marginalized populations, we don't get new answers, just "oh, hey, these models might not apply." That really isn't the fault of the textbook though. It just shows how much more work needs to be done!

The book is filled with a lot of great information and side notes. The information is formatted so I can understand the verbage and terms needed for my class. I think this book will be one that makes a place for itself on my book self.

I am not pleased with the quality of this item. Not only did I receive the item far more damaged than listed on the website, but the seller was not willing to offer a refund on the shipping cost sufficient to cover return shipping. It took a long while for the item to arrive and getting a replacement copy would have taken far too long. This book is also not particularly good. It is not well put together, the formatting looks old. Not worth the extra money to get this 'update' edition.

It's ok. Not something I would buy if the school didn't force me to. Doesn't go in enough depth into

the topics I want it to. A dry read, even for a textbook.

Doesn't work with my Kindle, doesn't work with Windows 8. Not really seeing why I bought the eBook. Confused as to why it doesn't work with Windows 8 since it works fine with Windows 7!

It's an easy read, but not very interesting or insightful. I used this for a grad class, and much of it is similar to my undergrad textbooks.

Dense content. Typical strengths base perspective social work text. Very basic overview, assumes reader has little background.

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