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# Practical Ethics For Psychologists: A Positive Approach





## Synopsis

Ethical behavior involves much more than avoiding being sanctioned by a disciplinary body. For psychologists, being ethical is also a positive goal that involves striving to reach one's highest ethical ideals.Guided by the APA Ethics Code, amended in 2010, the authors provide short sketches illustrating the standards that psychologists must follow. In addition, they emphasize how psychologists can actualize their personal values and ethical acumen in their daily work.Psychologists are shown a variety of ways to reach this goal:-by attending to their emotional well-being-by using the five-step decision making model presented in this book-by using risk reduction strategies in difficult cases-by basing their professional conduct on overarching ethical valuesThis second edition features new material on the positive impact of continuing education programs; consideration of emotional problems and non-rational decision making on professional competence; and discussion of the challenges of delivering psychological services using electronic media.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Knapp and VandeCreek achieved something almost impossible in the field of ethics instruction. They wrote a book that was informative and interesting to read! Ethics has long been a fascinating intellectual topic; however, it has rarely been a good read. With an informal and clear style and great examples it is enjoyable as well as an important book. I was pleased at the orientation- "A Positive Approach." Unfortunately too many use "ethics" with a punitive super ego. This book however shows us how we can stay out of trouble, not harm and be better at what we do. It is valuable for all in the helping professions.

Dr. VandeCreek is one of my former professors, and Dr. Knapp is well know in Pennsylvania for his knowledge and willingness to assist his fellow psychologists with any ethics questions. Knowledgeable authors, and materials presented in easy to digest fashion. Very fine work.

This was for a class and it came in great condition! It's a great book to have for people in mental health because it approaches ethics in a positive way and sparks a new way of applying critical thinking related to ethics in psychology. Great info!

One might expect a book from the APA on ethics to be rather drab and uninteresting. However, this book does a great job of being straight forward, providing context for considering positive ethics, and includes frequent relevant examples to demonstrate aspects of the APA ethics code. I looked forward to reading this like I would a novel. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this very clear explanation of an important professional standard. I also really appreciated that the chapters were just the right length to read in about 30-40 minutes.

I am using this book in a graduate Ethics course, and it is great. It provides an in depth overview of the APA Ethics Code but is also an impetus for discussion. From a student's point of view it has really helped me learn the code.

One of the better textbooks that I've had in my graduate psychology program. The chapters are easy to read and contain useful real-world examples.

Great review of the APA ethics and provides excellent examples of ethical situations to consider.

GREAT BOOK.....sounds dry...but every psychologist must read. Gives real life/useful examples
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