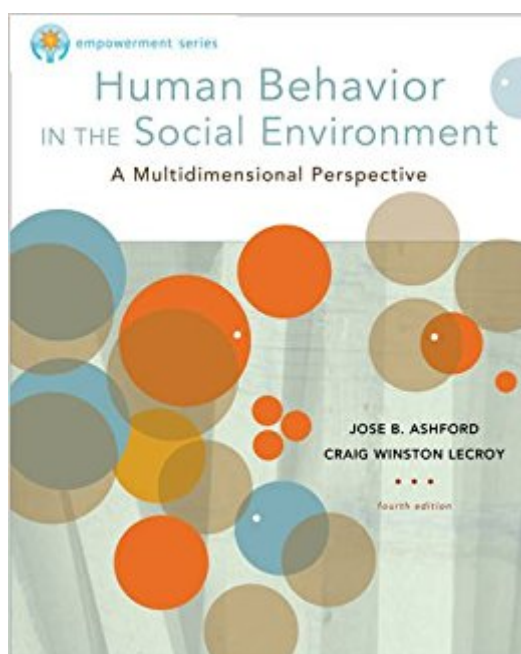


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I admit that I only have experience with this one HBSE textbook (and, in a quick search, I can find at least a dozen like it). But what I appreciate about this one is how quickly it gets through the foundational material and then begins applying that 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!

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.

Good text. HIV/AIDS sections need to be updated.

I ordered this book for school,

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This is hands down the most boring text book I've ever attempted to read. I've never struggled so hard to focus on reading before. Getting through this has been PAINFUL, and I'm pretty sure I've had the same headache since page one. If you're required to read this, have caffeine at the ready. If you're choosing to read this, what the hell is wrong with you?

Excellent book for exposure for general systems of human behavior. It helps people view human behavior from perspective rather than looking at the individual's behavior in a vacuum.

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