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Includes case studies, chapter summaries, and new sections. Features an online instructor's manual. Integrates different theoretical models.

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Customer Reviews

Interviewing textbooks are notoriously dry and mechanical. I can count using the fingers of one hand the number of books I have read on the subject that are worth their weight in cotton candy. This work by the Sommers-Flanagan duo represents an excellent addition to the instructional literature on the fine art of interviewing. They use a wonderful blend of humor, humanity, sound advice and counsel, and theory. Highly recommended.

It is rare to find a text book that is not a chore to read, but this is one of them! The authors write in a very engaging manner, and the frequent bursts of humor make reading it a real pleasure. It takes readers through all the steps of interviewing, at a perfect pace, so that readers are not overwhelmed with information, but are able to absorb it, and develop their skills gradually. It also discusses in depth how to work with particular populations, including young clients, culturally diverse clients, and couples. The skills and techniques are discussed in a way that is easy for readers to grasp and apply to their work. I would highly recommend this book for all students in the helping professions field. It is the most useful book I read during graduate school and I will always refer back to it throughout my career.

I'm taking a undergraduate course in Clinical Interview & Counseling as I prepare for my future studies in Clinical Psychology and practice and this was our textbook. It doesn't focus on a method of therapy (cognitive-behavioral, psychoanalytic, etc), rather it examines techniques for listening to clients, talking and developing client-therapist relationships, preparing intake reports, conducting suicide assessments interviews, dealing with resistant clients, understanding diverse/multicultural patients and other dynamics of working in a clinical setting. The DVD was incredibly helpful in that it showed examples of all the techniques discussed and sometimes was an easy way to concisely explain a large chapter. It is a big book with a lot of information, so it's not a quick or easy read, but it can be very helpful in getting a broad introduction to the practice of clinical interviewing and is helpful.

This book is one of the best I have read during graduate school. It has been deeply relevant to my experiences as a counselor so far, and having a copy on my bookshelf gives me a sense of security surrounding the difficult situations I have yet to face in my career. It is also engaging to read, thoughtfully written, and artfully organized. John and Rita Sommers-Flanagan are skilled writers and have a unique ability to deliver complex content in a way that is easy for readers to absorb and apply to practice. Reading this book has been an essential component of my education as a counselor, as well as an enjoyable experience, and I will continue to refer back to it throughout my career.

I am in my counseling practicum and internship series and I purchased this book because it was helpful in my Counseling skills course. I am glad I repurchased this book after selling it back. It's very helpful in developing your basic counseling skills and how to be successful at counseling clients.

This book is definitely a good read for a new clinician who is not good at the interview process. It helps with preparing, planning and assessment. I would definitely recommend this to a new clinician starting out.

I bought this book for my clinical interviewing class in college. The tips offered in the book are easy to follow and quite helpful. It comes complete with dialogue associated with the topic and includes hard to talk about subjects. It also includes the signs and symptoms of depression and suicide. A

good book to keep if you're a practicing psychologist.

This is another book in which I used for my Master's; it is very detailed and must have if you are considering entering the "helping profession." It goes into valuable skills for interviewing. My path did not lead to becoming a clinical psychologist, but the material in which I was required to read trained me from that prospective, as the interview, if done properly will be most helpful in establishing rapport. The book discusses items, such as Theoretical Orientations, as this becomes most important as different schools of thought will approach the same issue but only from their prospective, i.e., Cognitive Behavior Therapy vs. Transactional Psychology. Consequently, if say for instance, you the interviewer were called before a panel and explained why you approached an issue a certain way. It would be related to your school of training. I hope this makes sense. It will be a valuable reference in the field of Sociology and /or Psychology for sure!!!

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