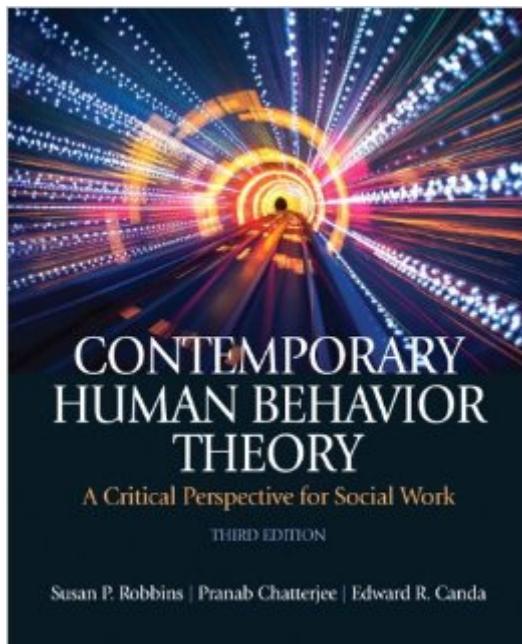


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Synopsis

Contemporary Human Behavior Theory: A Critical Perspective for Social Work, 3e approaches HBSE from a comparative theory perspective, providing coverage of the most current and contemporary theories as well as traditional theories. It includes contemporary developments in traditional lifespan theory, theories of political economy, and a separate chapter on transpersonal theory. Each chapter includes coverage of the research that supports a particular theory, an analysis of the validity of that research, and a discussion of updated "Contemporary Issues." The text encourages students to develop critical thinking skills in analyzing and comparing theories.

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This book pioneers in integrating theory about spiritual development into a human behavior text. In recent years the profession of social work has become aware of the importance of addressing spirituality with clients, but few social workers have been trained in formal theory about spiritual development. This book is one of the few which provides this content; thus it is a critical text for use in social work Human Behavior courses. The Council on Social Work Education has included spirituality in its latest curriculum guidelines, and this text provides a way to incorporate spirituality into social work education.

This is a great paperweight. The theories and content are presented in a completely indiscernible

method. No glossary and barely an index. My instructor keeps preaching about how great it is, but I continue to look at it and use other books and the internet to assist me in class. Can't wait to write my semester review on this hunk of crap.

As far as HBSE textbooks go, this one blends sociology and social work better than others. It also has a decent index, which is very important for any student (online quizzes, finding quotes for papers, etc). Where it falls a little short is in its inconsistent style. Too many authors(cooks) spoiled the broth? I don't know. That might not be the root problem. But I really felt like different chapters were written, and even laid out, in ways that didn't coalesce with the rest of the book. Maybe there's some sort of meta-poststructuralist meaning behind it, but if that's not it, I'd say it was just a mistake.

This book is a good example of what is wrong with academic writing. It is unfortunately dry. The sentences are long and littered with in text references, but no real life examples to tie it to practice. If you think the most important things to know about human behavior in the social environment are the names of theories, who wrote about them, and in what year they were developed, then this is your book. If you think it's important to actually understand human behavior in different contexts, find something else. If this was assigned for your class, you have my deepest condolences.

Comprehensive but dry. Difficult to get through, especially by the end of the semester. Surely there are more interesting ways to present this information.

Dense and hard to understand. The book has too many theories crammed in, that are poorly executed. If this is your text book be prepared to find outside resources to better understand this material.

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This book has too much filler and is very uninteresting (I was trying hard not to doze off, but this book is extremely soporific). All the chapters in this book are pretty much useless and have no practical use (that's why they're called theories!!!). Note to the authors of this book: If you're going to

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