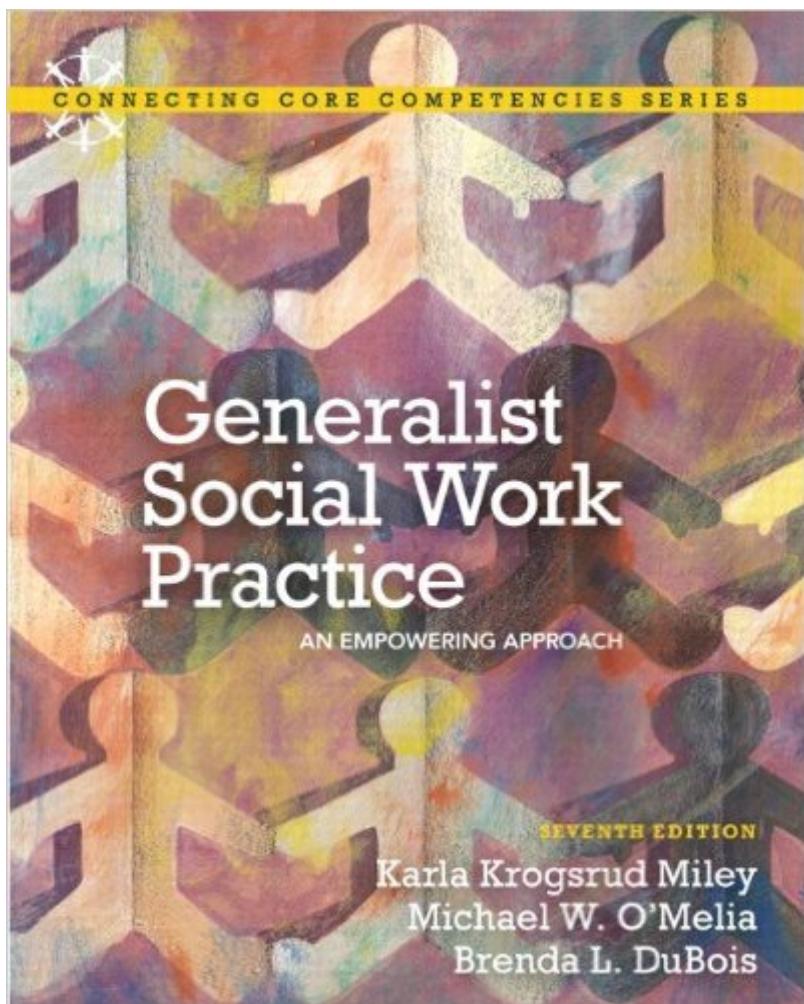


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# Generalist Social Work Practice: An Empowering Approach (7th Edition) (Connecting Core Competencies)



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so very expensive. why is a thin paperback of less than 500 pages over \$125 new. the paperback cover itself is very flimsy, as well. not commenting on the contents at this point, it just seems insane that this is so expensive.

I suppose I have an inbred bias toward this book because I didn't care for the corresponding class for which it was originally purchased. In any case, I have always had a problem with books that only stress the empowerment approach and the strengths perspective as the only form of treatment. I didn't like this text because I don't feel focusing on one technique qualifies as a "generalist approach," regardless of how well you can simultaneously juggle micro and macro level issues. In addition, the book reads like a primer. It is relentlessly generalist in its explanation of things. Some complex issues are only given a brief paragraph-long description. I think it is a good book for someone who has absolutely no idea what social workers do. Those who are looking to mature their skills should skip this book and opt for something more in depth.

This book was in good shape and only written in slightly in pencil so that was not a problem. The material is good for it's purpose. My only issue and reason for giving it 3 stars is because it did not come with the MySearchLab with eText -- Access Card Package which is what makes this book so pricey. I was very disappointed with that since I was basically robbed of a good portion of money unlike a classmate that only paid \$40 for hers knowing she was not getting the MySearchLab. Since I'm working 40 hours a week and going to school full-time I did not have the energy to fight about this issue, but wanted to make it known that this was a problem I came across. Hopefully my next rental will be a better experience.

I must admit that I have a bias in the other direction. I not only used the textbook in a couple of courses some of those classes were taught by Michael O'Melia or Brenda DuBois. Their explanations of text material went well beyond the "basic" or "generalist". I would suggest that the knowledge of the professor using the text can make a tremendous difference in how the material is presented. "Strengths" and "Empowerment" have become buzz words within the profession. Many are not familiar enough with the academic foundations and philosophy of this approach to do it justice or credit. Having been taught by professors well versed in the approach helped me see/learn the difference between these words being "catch phrases" and the grounded, encompassing method of practice that flows from them. I would recommend this text for any BSW or MSW program. I have even used portions of the text for other 300 and 400 level social sciences courses I teach outside social work profession.

This does not come with the access key for the videos and I have not been able to get an answer from about what to do. I have to spend an extra \$60 to get it through Pearson.

You can learn what you need to know about elementary concepts such as ecosystems and strengths-based perspectives by reading a couple of journal articles. Other than those two topics, this book is a big, long statement of the obvious. It's condescending, written for about an eighth-grade reading level. There are few honest, direct clinical insights or "pearls." The writing is flat and dull. Worst of all, the book comes as a bunch of three-hole-punched pages that you have to insert into a three-ring binder that you, yourself buy. In other words--there's no binding! Cheap, cheap. I had to buy this for a course and the professor never really referred to it.

This is the first time I have EVER poorly rated something from . I recently rented this book for school, hoping to use it on my new Surface Pro 2. However, once I opened it on the Kindle App, I quickly was informed that "this title is not available on Windows 8" even though the app is a Kindle for PC app. What's up with that ? How can you limit a books availability by platform? Never again.

Really taught me along with internship, how to become a professional social worker. Spoke in a language that is understandable, so that you can engage with the book not a dictionary.

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