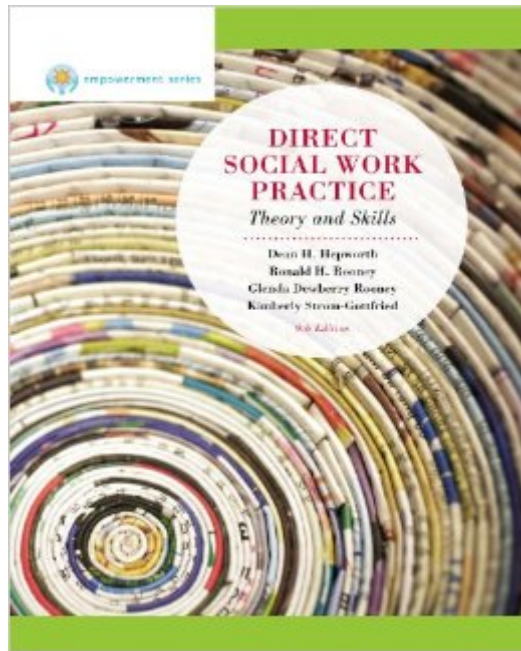


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# Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series: Direct Social Work Practice (Brooks / Cole Empowerment Series)



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This publisher withholds material for which they expect more money. You have to spend an additional \$40 to have access to videos and other study guides, which are repeatedly mentioned in the main text, which, by the way, already costs \$150. Major rip off, would you not agree?

I read this book as part of a Master's Social Work class. My classmates and I all complained regularly about this book. It is poorly written - the verbiage is awkward and murky - many concepts could have been more effectively explained with far fewer words. The authors seemed to think that the bigger the word, the more effective the communication. After a while, the reader's mind just shuts down from working too hard trying to figure out exactly what the Authors are saying. Also, there were very few pages that didn't have at least one grammatical error. Proper grammar should be textbook 101 in my opinion. Another review stated the textbook was dry - which is giving it far too much credit. I have never fallen asleep so often while reading a textbook. My social work research book was far more interesting a read than this book. If you're looking for a good book on Social Work Practice... keep looking.

This book provides basic concepts and not much beyond that. There are major editorial issues in the Kindle version. If you are a grammar person you will be reporting errors constantly. The book itself provides long-winded explanations when a few sentences would do. You'll find it spending much time devoted to example conversations that are not really beneficial. Further if you don't buy the supplemental materials available online then there are parts of the book that seem almost confusing, as they respond directly back to the conversations done online that you will not have access to. If you would like a basic idea on Micro practice in Social Work then this might be a good starting point. However if you have any experience at all then this book will prove pointless.

The book is overly wordy. It sounded like the authors were previous law-makers. That or they try too hard to sound academic. The content of the book is helpful, but it's very difficult to get through the chapters when a sentence can run on for seemingly a quarter of a page, kind of exactly like what this sentence is doing right now, if you know what I mean. I would not recommend this book for a class

unless you have a personal vendetta against one or more of your students. This book is perfect to read at leisure, if you are a clinically diagnosed masochist.

Required reading for a class in social work. Informative and a nice addition to other supportive readings. A good break down and explanation of Direct Practice. Necessary reading for the licensing exam!

I wanted an updated, eBook version of my old textbook so I could do the exercises and use it as an authoritative source for discussing difficult cases with my colleagues. I like the book, but this is essentially just a scanned version. I would not have purchased it if it was full price (I purchased it at half-price, and then I think it was a good value). I agree with other reviewers that it can be dry and verbose.

This is a textbook. I did not expect it to be super interesting. However, the book is written well and the information is relevant to social work. I do not think the book is worth the insanely high price.

Great book! Pretty dry, but contains a lot of great, useful information for direct sw practice! I would recommend this to any social work student.

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