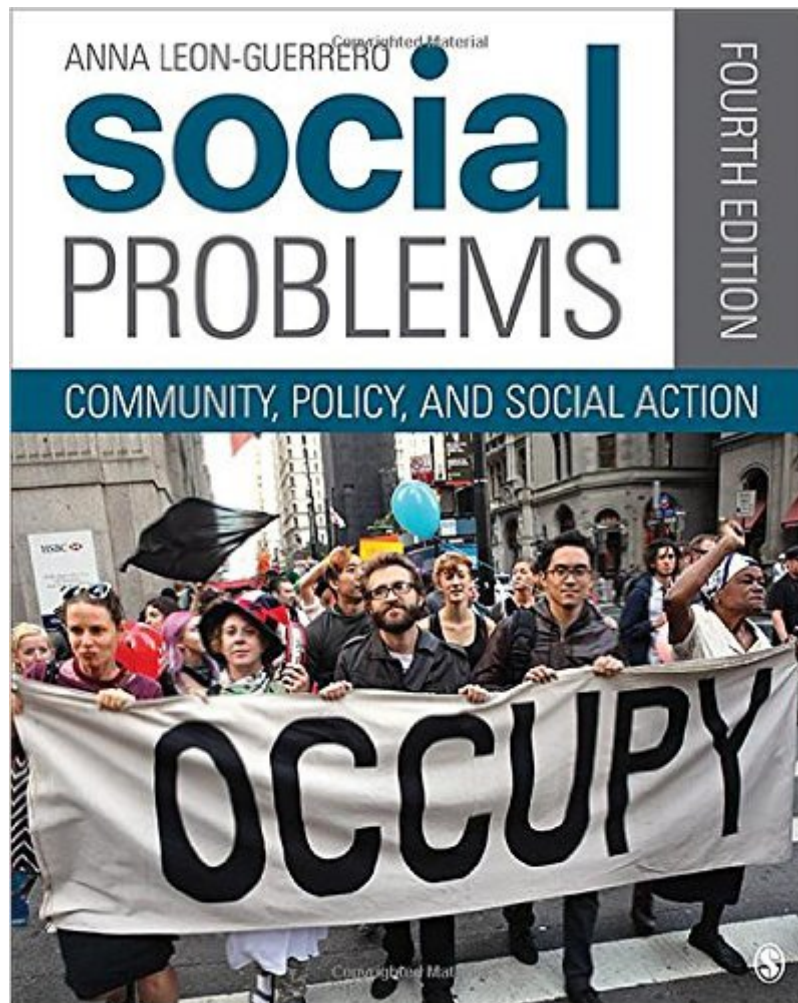


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Customer Reviews

I'm using this textbook this semester for my class on social problems. This was the best book I could find last semester when I was looking for books, but it's not that great. Positives: it covers several theoretical perspectives (structural functionalism, conflict theory, feminism, and symbolic interactionism), the writing style is generally clear, and it covers a wide variety of topics. Negatives: it sometimes misclassifies bodies of work under the wrong perspective, it is largely missing a discussion of intersectionality, it doesn't critique the perspectives, and it sometimes misrepresents the literature it is using. Perhaps the worst example I've noticed was in chapter 12, where it says that "alcohol use has also been associated with child abuse as both a cause and a consequence (Widom and Hiller-Sturmhofel 2001)." That claim struck me as odd, and going back to the original

source, the abstract reads: "The relationship between child abuse and the use or abuse of alcohol has 2 aspects. First, some findings have indicated that parental alcohol abuse may be associated with the physical or sexual abuse of children. Research findings in this area remain inconsistent, however. Second, the experience of being abused as a child may increase a person's risk for alcohol-related problems as an adult. This relationship has best been demonstrated in women who had been victims of childhood abuse. Several factors most likely contribute to or influence this relationship include coping skills, antisocial behavior, and psychological problems such as posttraumatic stress disorder.

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