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Review

"This third edition continues to make a valuable contribution to enhancing our understanding of how children's lives are affected by the systems around them. Webb uses specific examples and works outward from them in intuitive ways. Readers are invited to build on their own understandings and clinical experiences, regardless of the foundational knowledge they bring to the book."--Todd Franke, PhD, Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities, University of California, Los Angeles

"Important themes include evidence-based practice, changing demographics, and the importance of cultural and ethnic sensitivity. Webb successfully demonstrates how evidence-based practice benefits both clients and agencies and promotes understanding of how to intervene in specific situations and with diverse populations of children. The assessment forms, diagrams, and charts are tremendously helpful, and the case scenarios succeed in demonstrating how to develop more fully informed assessment and intervention while effectively bridging macro (social context) content with micro (children/adolescents) and mezzo (families, groups) content. Webb's text is a 'must' for courses that focus on practice with children."--Virginia Rondero Hernandez, PhD, LCSW, Department of Social Work Education, California State University, Fresno

"An excellent resource for the clinician, child advocate, or social work student. The book describes proven intervention methods and discusses the pitfalls and challenges of assisting children and their families in the 21st century. Numerous interesting case examples help the reader to envision specific problems, cultural influences, and applications. Useful books, games, and other resources for child practitioners are listed. This is an important text for all social work students."--Kathleen Nader, DSW, Two Suns childhood trauma program, Cedar Park, Texas

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"Comprehensive and incisive....Especially impressive is the author's focus on vulnerable children and youths in traumatic circumstances, such as divorce or out-of-home care; her thoughtful consideration of the processes and methods of directly and indirectly helping children and young people; her evident knowledge of research in the area of child and family services in voluntary as well as governmental agencies; and her frequent use of apt case illustrations that vividly convey sound and effective practice....Webb is to be commended for greatly contributing to the tasks of instructors, particularly those in child welfare practice courses."

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Nancy Boyd Webb, DSW, BCD, RPT-S, a board-certified diplomate in clinical social work and a registered play therapy supervisor, is a leading authority on play therapy with children who have experienced loss and traumatic bereavement. Dr. Webb was Professor at the Fordham University School of Social Service from 1979 until 2008, where she held the endowed James R. Dumpson Chair in Child Welfare Studies, was named University Distinguished Professor of Social Work, and founded Fordham's Post-Master's Certificate Program in Child and Adolescent Therapy. Author or editor of numerous books, Dr. Webb is a consulting editor for the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*. She is a past board member of the New York Association for Play Therapy and is on the editorial advisory board for the journal *Trauma and Loss: Research Interventions*. Dr. Webb is an active supervisor, consultant, and trainer who presents frequently at play therapy, social work, trauma, and bereavement conferences in the United States and internationally. She is a recipient of the prestigious Day-Garrett Award from the Smith College School for Social Work.

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