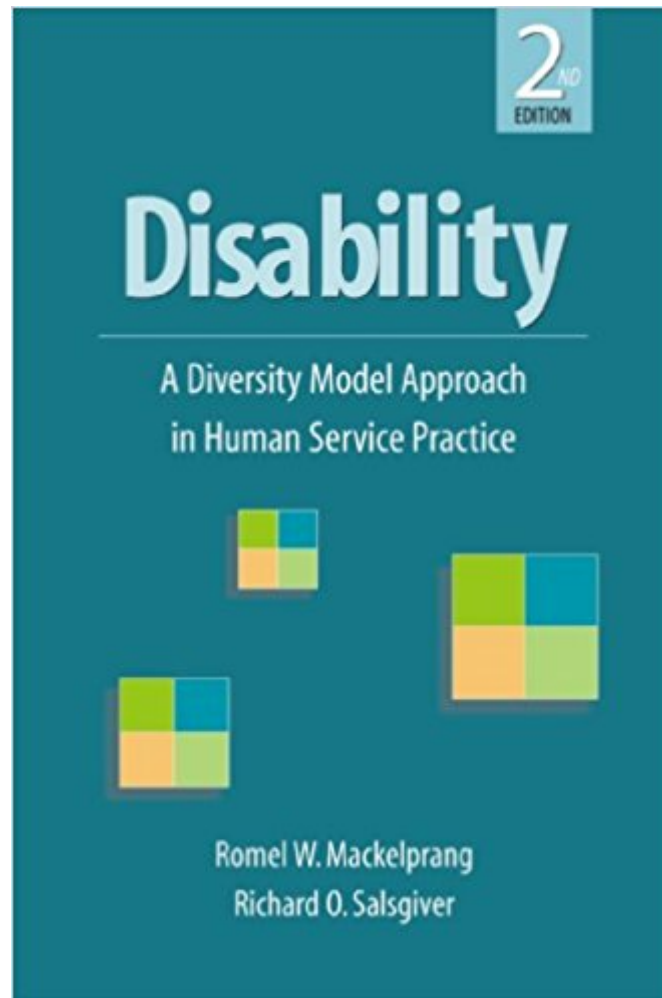




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Disability: A Diversity Model Approach In Human Service Practice



Synopsis

This comprehensive text fills a huge void in the field! Romel W. Mackelprang and Richard O. Salsgiver introduce an empowerment approach to working with persons with disabilities -- a direction that lights the way for human service workers and provides clients with greater independence and resilience. The authors are ardent in their desire to empower persons with disabilities by building on their strengths. This comprehensive book features a ground-breaking, strengths-based approach that fills a void in the available material on this topic, and thoroughly prepares helpers to work successfully with persons who have disabilities.

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The idea for the book is an excellent one. This is a comprehensive, important, impressive and much needed volume. It has assembled in a single source much of the information needed by human service practitioners working with people with disability. It also provides the practitioner with a sociopolitical perspective on disability that supports the identification of points of intervention and targets for change outside of the person with disabilities in ways that can significantly improve the quality of their lives. --Anonymous Review
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I know there's really no need to review this, since teachers typically don't negotiate on textbook requirements, but I actually really enjoyed this. A lot of text books are absurdly wordy, and just try use overly complicated terms to seem more collegiate, but this book is really for everyone, and everyone should read it. If you've ever looked at someone disabled and felt sorry for them, used the term "able-bodied", or thought "my life would be over if I had to use a wheelchair etc" then you need to read this book. The horrible treatment and stereotypes surrounding people with disabilities has certainly lessened recently, but they haven't disappeared by any means. Particularly when it comes to mental health disabilities. The personal stories are really well written, explanations of the different cultures are really good to have (best way not to offend anyone), and it really puts disabilities in perspective. This book isn't "preachy" like a lot of books that deal with these sorts of issues, it's honest, realistic, and has some wonderful information that everyone should learn.

Great savings but when it arrived some of the first few pages were not attached. Its a paperback and it's bound to happen over time. Will definitely rent my books next semester because it saved me tons of money!

I felt the information provided me with a lot of insight on the stigmas that affect the many disabled

people, but it also provided me with knowledge of how many movements have actually cared enough to step up to the plate and let it be known that they are people too.

I received the book in a timely manner. The book overall does not provide a lot of information, but it is used to compliment another textbook so I got to spend twice as much.

I would like to say that I received my book order faster than I thought. I had no problems with my transaction. The only reason why I gave them a 3 star is because the book was supposed to be in good condition. The book has writing and words circled and underlined in pen through out.

Required reading for a class on disabilities. informative but dry and not a good read. Personal stories make an interesting read but otherwise, just a text book.

I had to use this for my Psych of Disability class and I really enjoyed this book as well as the formatting.

Sad but important to know because it is a topic people avoid.

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