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Editorial Review

Review

"This is an essential update and revision for our changing world. Grounded in developmental theory, the book provides detailed and phase-specific guidelines for assessing and helping bereaved children in a variety of contexts. Perhaps the most compelling characteristic of the book is the use of thorough case presentations that illustrate interventions such as Sandplay, art therapy, storytelling, role play, and puppetry, in individual, family, and group modalities. Webb concludes the volume with a much-needed section on self-care for those who engage in this rewarding and demanding work."--M. Carlean Gilbert, DSW, LCSW, CGP, School of Social Work, Loyola University Chicago

"Renowned scholar and author Nancy Boyd Webb's revised handbook is strategically comprehensive in scope and abundant in practice tools. Chapters provide resources for culturally competent, developmentally appropriate child- and family-focused practice. Graduate students, practitioners, and educators in social work, psychology, family studies, and ethnic studies will find this book richly insightful."--Rowena Fong, MSW, EdD, Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professor in Services to Children and Families, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin

"This third edition is an important and valuable update. With strong attention to child development, the quality of the child's relationship to the deceased, and both the supports and challenges posed by family and community, this book is valuable for students, instructors, and experienced clinicians. The contributors address a wide range of circumstances and types of loss that are prevalent in today's diverse practice world. Methods of assessment and intervention are woven throughout. Resources of many kinds are offered, along with guidelines for clinician self-care to limit the secondary impact of doing this difficult work."--James W. Drisko, PhD, LICSW, Professor and Co-Director of the Doctoral Program, Smith College School for Social Work

"A necessary book for child and adolescent practitioners. Webb has brought together experts who cover a range of classic and cutting-edge topics and who consistently communicate an understanding of the holistic nature of grief. The book is packed with practical resources, including clinical material, sample forms, and tables. This text will be an excellent fit for my graduate-level course on children and death. The range of topics, the case examples, and the discussion questions at the end of each chapter are unique and refreshing elements."--Heather L. Servaty-Seib, PhD, Counseling Psychology Program, Purdue University College of Education

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of helping children facing grief."
(*Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal* 2011-11-06)

"A rich resource for those whose work includes bereaved children."
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(*Journal of Contemporary Human Services* 2011-11-06)

"An excellent resource and guide for students who are just beginning their career in the field of counseling, as well as a refresher for more seasoned professionals."
(*Social Work in Health Care* 2011-11-06)

"While this is primarily a resource for practitioners, it is also a wonderful teaching tool. Webb has included relevant discussion questions at the end of every chapter....This book could be a useful resource to youth directors, church educators, pastors, and child care staff as well."
(*Family Ministry* 2003-09-03)

"Each chapter begins with a brief review of related literature and the approach used, presents case vignettes with background information, and summarizes the therapy....A moving account of how children grieve and a particularly poignant and useful model for the internal dialogue which therapists employ."
(*Child Development Abstracts & Bibliography* 2011-09-28)

About the Author

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