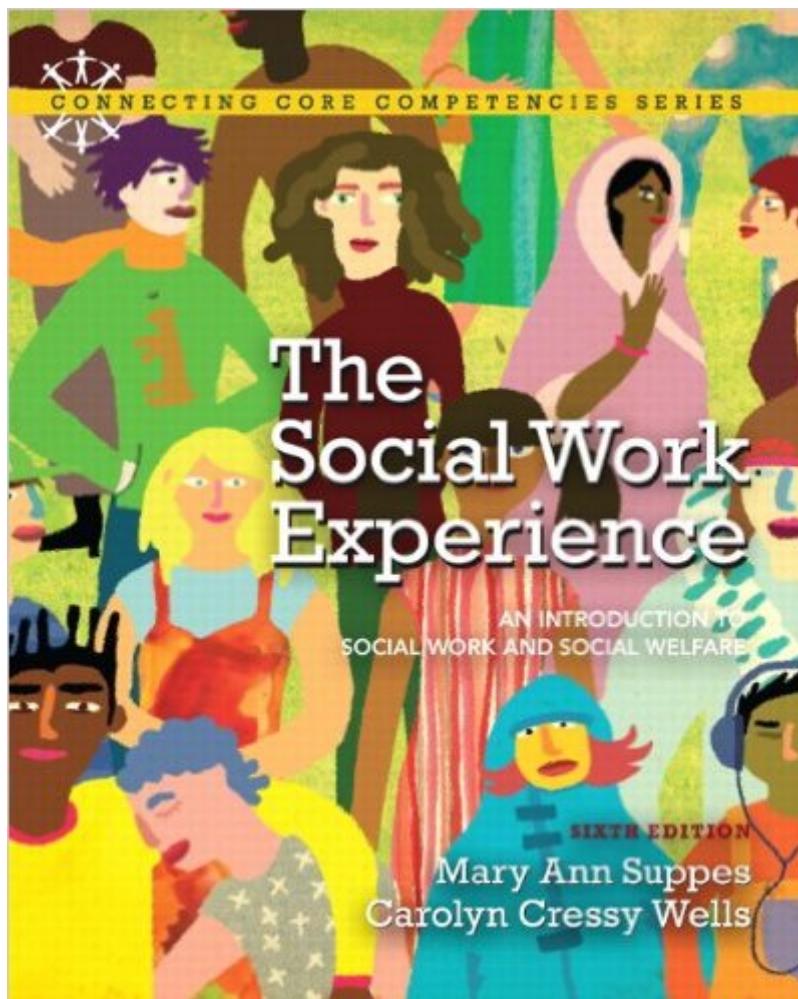


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So I was forced to buy this book for a class that I'm taking. Most of us feel the same about textbooks...*yawns*. I have to say this textbook does give you a lot of information but it also has a lot of stories from case studies and anecdotal. It makes the textbook a more interesting read and really personalizes the study material and gives it a face. Pleasantly surprised that I can enjoy reading this textbook as compared to most textbooks that serve as a sleep aid for me.

The author needs to tone back her personal opinions on politics. Not every person going into Social work agrees on the same politics. While reading this (for class) I felt as though I were being lead what to believe and vote a certain way simply because the author was COMPLETELY one-sided. Phrases like "unfortunately Bush was elected into presidency..." and "Thank goodness for president Obama..." Phrases like this are scattered throughout the entire book with no holding back on how the author feels. If this is suppose to be an educational book- take out the bias and just present the facts. Terrible book-most everybody in my class agreed with me as well- way too political and not educational. Also-there is NO glossary for words that are bolded. Sometimes there aren't even definitions for words that are in bold. The layout of the book and the Titles are also very misleading and confusing. I cant believe this book is being used at a university. I learned nothing.

This was purchased for my Social Work class. The book itself looks a little boring. Its black and white all throughout, no pictures inside and certainly not as colorful as the outside is, but is packed with lots and lots of understandable useful information. The case studies are awesome and an interesting introduction to every chapter which encourages you to want to read further. Not a bad book to study especially if its required. Hope this helps!

Did Barack Obama force the schools to use this textbook? Because wow. So disappointing that the authors feel they need to make social work a political issue. I was required to have this book as an intro to Social Work class but there are other books that could have been used instead. All I can say is that I'm glad that I didn't purchase it. It has an apparent agenda that anyone can see. I will be writing a letter to the university to suggest they change the textbook for this class.

This text has been so helpful. I read it every week. I really wish I could figure out how to blow up the font without zooming in

This book was assigned by my professor. It is extremely bias and just hates on anyone who is not extremely liberal.

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