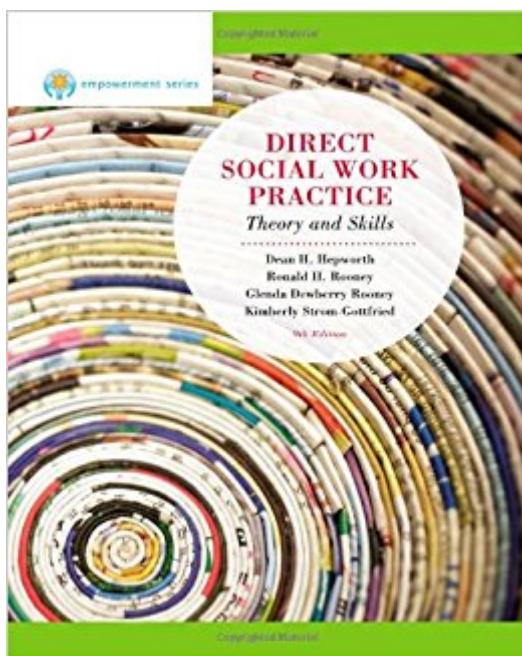


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# Direct Social Work Practice: Theory And Skills, 9th Edition (Brooks / Cole Empowerment Series)



## **Synopsis**

The ninth edition of DIRECT SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE: THEORY AND SKILLS prepares you for effective real-world practice. Packed with case examples, illustrations, and proven learning experiences from the authors as well as other social work practitioners, the book integrates the major theories and skills that direct social work practitioners need to understand and master, earning the book its reputation as the classic source for helping students learn direct practice skills. Furthermore, as part of the Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series, the ninth edition is completely up to date and thoroughly integrates the core competencies and recommended practice behaviors outlined in the 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) set by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Video demonstrations are available on the optional CourseMate website and ensure student learning experiences are as close to real life as possible.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Highly respected social work educators, Dean H. Hepworth and Jo Ann Larsen originally defined how direct practice should be taught. Ronald Rooney is a Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. A practitioner in child welfare, community mental health, and school social work, Dr. Rooney is also the author of STRATEGIES FOR WORK WITH INVOLUNTARY CLIENTS. He was the 2004 winner of the Academic Leadership Award of the College of Human Ecology, University of Minnesota. Glenda Dewberry Rooney is a Professor Emeritus in the

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This book provides basic concepts and not much beyond that. There are major editorial issues in the Kindle version. If you are a grammar person you will be reporting errors constantly. The book itself provides long-winded explanations when a few sentences would do. You'll find it spending much time devoted to example conversations that are not really beneficial. Further if you don't buy the supplemental materials available online then there are parts of the book that seem almost confusing, as they respond directly back to the conversations done online that you will not have access to. If you would like a basic idea on Micro practice in Social Work then this might be a good starting point. However if you have any experience at all than this book will prove pointless.

I've used this text in 3 social work courses. If you are contemplating buying or renting. This one is worth the buy if you are a social work major. It has a ton of information from the interview process to writing styles required in social work.

The book is overly wordy. It sounded like the authors were previous law-makers. That or they try to hard to sound academic. The content of the book is helpful, but it's very difficult to get through the chapters when a sentence can run on for seemingly quarter of a page, kind of exactly like what this sentence is doing right now, if you know what I mean. I would not recommend this book for a class unless you have a personal vendetta against one or more of your students. This book is perfect to

read at leisure, if you are a clinically diagnosed masochist.

This book is literally and metaphorically heavy. This being the first textbook assigned to me for a social work program it scared me to death. There is so much information that it makes you feel like it is the only book you are given before actually counseling groups and families. I give a 0 star to their references to videos through the book that you are supposed to be learning from, unless you buy it new or buy the digital version you cannot gain access to the material!

The book itself is not bad. I would like to point out if you are looking for the access code for the video demonstrations, it DOES NOT i repeat DOES NOT come with this book when ordered through . You have to order it from your school bookstore or directly from Cengage the publisher of the book. If you need only the book this is a great deal but, if you are looking for the book with the video access DO NOT order it from . It will save you a lot of time and inconvenience to just order from your bookstore or Cengage.

I wanted an updated, eBook version of my old textbook so I could do the exercises and use it as an authoritative source for discussing difficult cases with my colleagues. I like the book, but this is essentially just a scanned version. I would not have purchased it if it was full price (I purchased it at half-price, and then I think it was a good value). I agree with other reviewers that it can be dry and verbose.

This book contained great insight to direct practice in social work that I used during a master's level course. Recommend to others engaging in direct practice with individuals. Text contains examples and concepts applicable to endless situations.

Required reading for a class in social work. Informative and a nice addition to other supportive readings. A good break down and explanation of Direct Practice. Necessary reading for the licensing exam!

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