

Life-Span Development



Synopsis

Connecting research and results. As a master teacher, John Santrock connects students to current research and real-world application, helping students see how developmental psychology plays a role in their own lives and future careers. Through an integrated, personalized digital learning program, students gain the insight they need to study smarter and improve performance.

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Customer Reviews

John W. Santrock received his Ph.D. from the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. He taught at the University of Charleston and the University of Georgia before joining the faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas. He has worked as a school psychologist and currently teaches educational psychology every year at the undergraduate level. In 2006, John received the University of Texas at Dallas Excellence in teaching award. His research has included publications in the Journal of Educational Psychology that focus on the contextual aspects of affectively-toned cognition and children's self-regulatory behavior as well as teachers' perceptions of children from divorced families. He has been a member of the editorial boards of Developmental Psychology and Child Development. His publications include these exceptional McGraw-Hill texts: Child Development, 13th Ed; Life-Span Development, 14th Edition; Adolescence, 14th Edition; Psychology, 7th Edition; and Educational Psychology, 4th Edition.

I rented this textbook for my Health and Human Lifespan Development online course this summer at

Georgia State. It's a little confusing how the subsections are set up in each chapter, at least given the fast-paced nature of my summer course. I could use the book and my notes for the quizzes, so I really had to read the chapters fully beforehand if I had any hope of immediately finding the answers. I even had to write down some page numbers. If you plan on using this textbook to find answers without reading, then you should make sure you have enough time to locate the information. Other than that, the information was fairly interesting. It just gets old to continually read about psychoanalytic theory. The social and biological information was much more interesting to learn about, in my personal opinion.

This was a required text for my Life Span course. The book is very detailed and easy to understand. I like that the author includes marginal concept definitions and explanations using informative "bubbles", allowing one to readily skim through the book without reading every written detail allowing the student to be well apprised of the respective topics and concepts. I don't remember why I purchased the looseleaf book over the hardbound copy. Although the looseleaf contained the exact same pages as the hardbound, comparatively it is rather cumbersome. The publisher/copyright page was missing so I did not know when the book was published to use as a reference and had to copy a page from one of my classmates' hardbound book to accurately reference it. I think I would prefer having the hardbound copy instead.

This is a required text book for my Developmental Psychology class. I will say the textbook's content seems to be fine and well organized... HOWEVER... Who's genius idea is a loose leaf text book?!?! The resale on this is going to take a bite out of this college student's pocket book.

This book was clear and understandable. The stories of individual lives at the beginning of each chapter created anticipation and helped to tie together what the chapter elaborated on. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to understand human lifespan development whether or not you are taking it as a course. The questions in each chapter really help to relate the subject to the real world. This is the best version of the life span development textbook so far.

This book was required for a sophomore level college psychology class. It is an excellent book with wonderful illustrations, graphs, and charts. It also provides great definitions. The explanations are terrific and really walk you through life span development. The only negative thing I have say about the book is that it's loose leaf (yep, loose leaf) and costs a lot of money!!

I am going to an online college and ordered this book from another company. The book arrived four days before my class started and it was the wrong book. I went to the company that sent the book and was told "sorry but we no longer carry the book". I do not understand why they would send a different book instead of refund my money but they did. I went to the original company that recommended the seller and was told mistakes happen and there was nothing they could do. I went to and true to form came to the rescue. I had no idea that I could have Kindle on my PC. Needless to say I downloaded the book at a lesser price than I paid for the incorrect book. From now on all of my text books are coming from .

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