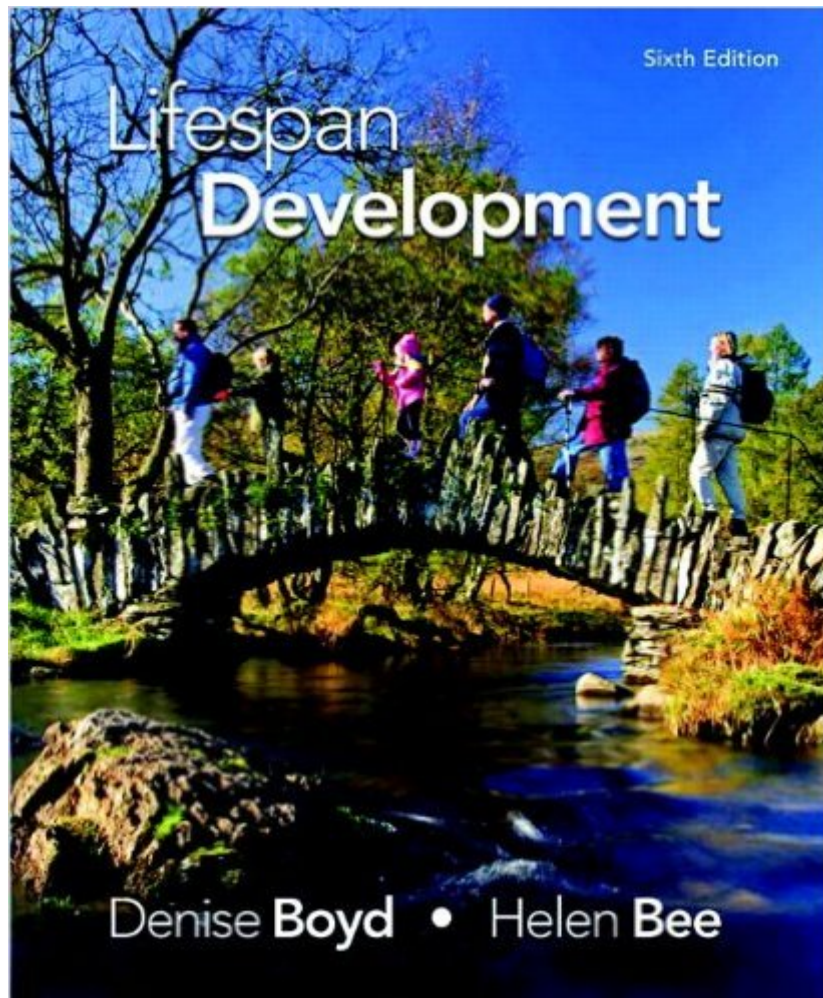


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I have taught (and taken) courses in Child Development and Lifespan Development with numerous textbooks, and this was definitely my favorite. The text is exceptionally thorough and includes a

balance of theory and application. Relevant research is discussed throughout, in a way that is interesting and engaging and emphasizes the importance of scientific rigor in studying development. Most of all I appreciate the personal, direct voice of the text, as if I am listening to the author talk. Some other texts actually make reading about lifespan development boring (hard to do but can be done!) This one very effectively illuminates how fascinating it can be. My only criticism might be that I found it very difficult to cover the entire text in a one semester class, precisely because it is so rich in information.

The book is in great condition...HOWEVER, I was under the impression that the mydevelopmentlab.com access code was coming with the book and it didn't! I bought the book new for that reason and am very upset about it. Now I have to buy the code too!

Although it's about average in terms of your typical boring textbook, what my biggest gripe with it are the Chapter tests at the end of each chapter; many of the test questions are wrong. For an easy example pg. 319 Question # 12 asks, " Which of the following terms would be applied to someone who is high in both masculinity and femininity?" the answer at the back of the book, "animistic". Not only is it not even mentioned in this chapter, it is wrong; animistic is the belief that non-humans, such as animals, have a spirit. This is not the only mistake, I've found several in each Chapter test and I'm surprised that after 6 editions, mistakes are still there. Same questions are in the 7th edition. This may be no big deal if Chapter tests are something that you usually skip, but as a student, I wonder if it's the same people responsible for writing my college exams???

I cannot believe this has been revised 5 times. It is just plain poorly written. When I'm studying for a class, I don't have time to reread an awkwardly worded sentence over and over until I understand what they're talking about. If you have an option of using another book on the topic, please do so.

For the price, I think that this textbook lacked a lot of depth. It only hardly touches upon the main aspects of different theories regarding lifespan development. It will lay out the basics of the theories, but will not provide any in depth analyses of them. Also, if you are taking a class that requires you to know the basics of developmental theory like mine did, you would probably be better off just using google to find the theories you are looking for. All of this information is easily accessible online and this text does not offer anything special. It does not assist you in your learning, it only states what you should know. I ended up selling mine during the middle of my lifespan development course

because my professor's notes were enough to guide me through the class with a little bit of help from the internet to assist my learning.

This book was helpful for my class on human development. It was an interesting read, and taught me a lot. The only reason I didn't give a 5 star review is because I have a special interest in geriatrics, and found some of the information in this book about the geriatric population to be inaccurate. I see there is now a newer edition, so I hope everything in the newer version is now up-to-date.

While this book would be good for an undergraduate level, I think they could have used some more cultural sensitivity in writing the book. It was an easy read, however and the content was very easily grasped.

Used for a developmental psychology class, this book wasn't worth the \$94.00 I paid for it. I could have easily substituted this book for any introductory psychology textbook. Piaget, Kolberg, Erikson, and Freud are hardly touched on and their theories are under-summarized. There is also a lack of relevant, current studies in the area of developmental psychology. Most studies are summarized and do not give any usable, substantial evidence which could be used elsewhere (ex: in papers).

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