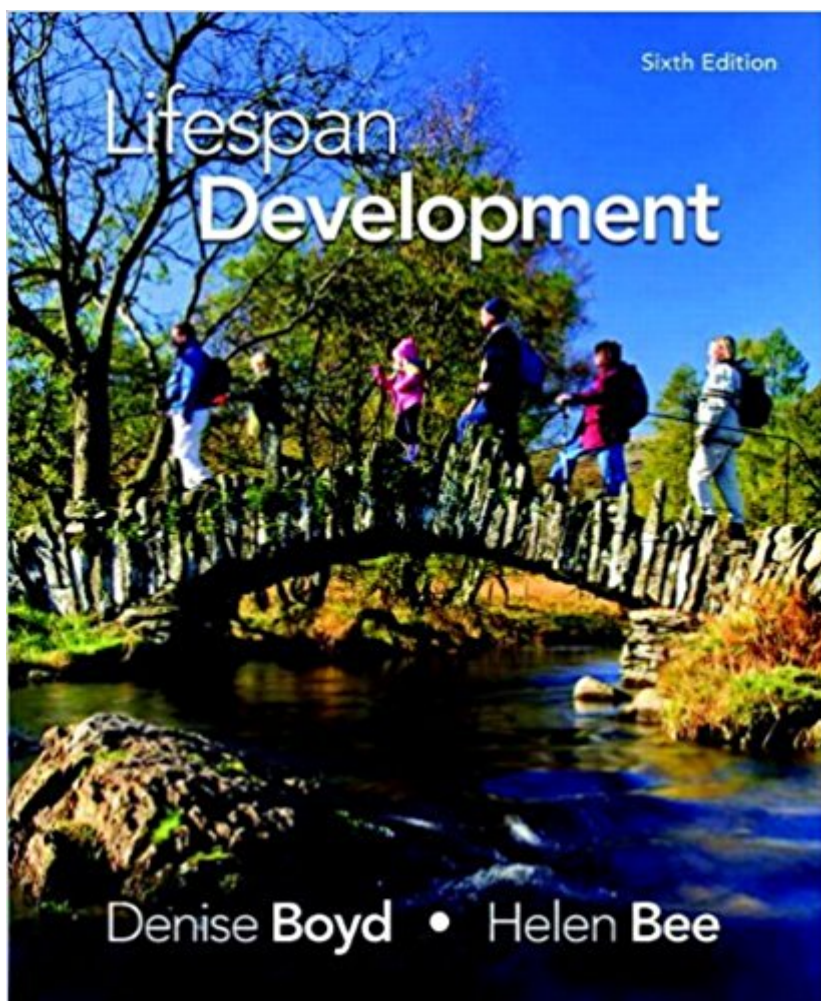


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Although it's about average in terms of your typical boring textbook, what my biggest gripe with it are the Chapter tests at the end of each chapter; many of the test questions are wrong. For an easy example pg. 319 Question # 12 asks, "Which of the 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???

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.

The book was good, it allowed me to get through my course at a significantly reduced rate. Thanks , for helping my college dream live another semester.

I had ordered this book for my class, the description said it was used but still in good condition. This book arrived and the entire thing looks as if it was soaked in water than put out to dry. It has a smell to it and the pages are filled with a dark colored spotted mold. Don't get me wrong the words are still there and clear enough to be read. But the overall condition of this book was appalling. I am now forced to buy a new one because I have a test coming up soon. I am very disappointed in 's approval to see this book.

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.

The book was torn on the corner and taped together with many wrinkles on the cover. All of the pages are there but I expected a "good condition" book.

Decent, but older edition--as expected. Some data is very different from the newer editions, and the page numbers very different. If you need the newest edition for class, have time to compare and need to save \$150--then buy this one. If you don't, get the the new one.

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