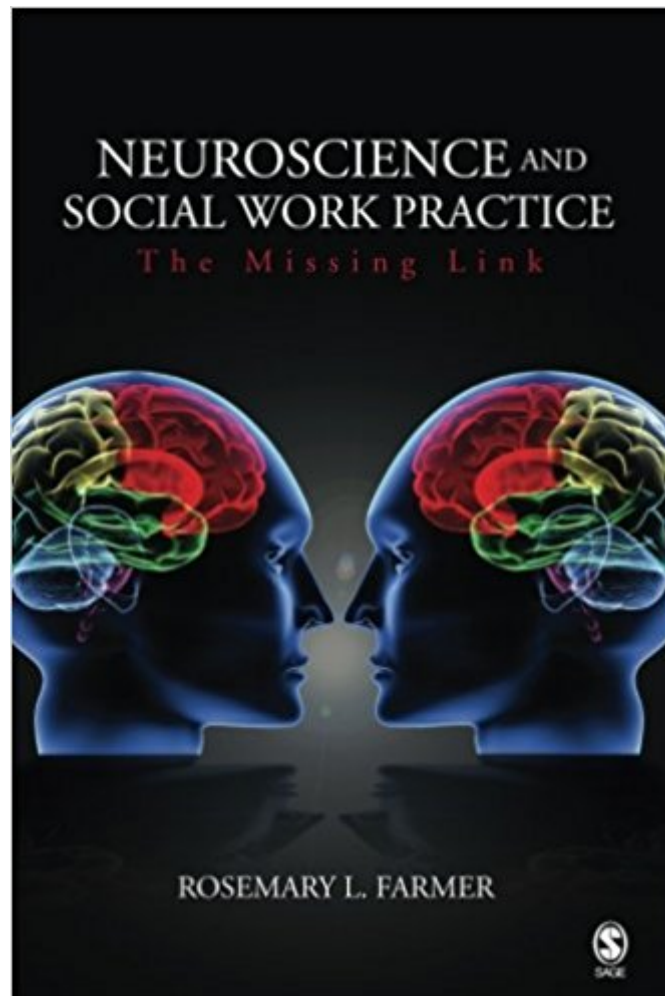




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Neuroscience And Social Work Practice: The Missing Link



Synopsis

Over the past 30 years, findings in the neurosciences have grown exponentially and have provided a profound understanding of the link between behavior and biology. Although the Social Work community has long taken pride in using a bio-psycho-social-spiritual (BPSS) framework in conceptualization and intervention, the biological aspect of this BPSS framework has been sorely missing. Neuroscience and Social Work Practice provides the critical missing link. Introducing the latest neuroscience research, it gives practitioners essential data in an easily accessible form with which to take on the challenges of increasingly complex human problems and diagnoses. Key Features Takes readers on a "tour of the brain" and makes dense scientific material more engaging Provides a framework for how human service professionals can understand and implement neuroscience clinical data with the use of the Transactional Model Uses case vignettes to explain how neuroscience findings have been applied to specific practice situations Offers a deeper understanding of the links between neuroscience research and social work in such areas as trauma, attachment, psychotherapy, substance abuse, and the effects of psychotropic medications Intended Audience This cutting-edge text is indispensable for practitioners in the human services field and is an essential supplement for upper-level undergraduate or graduate students of courses in Human Behavior in the Social Environment and Social Work Direct Practice as well as courses on Interpersonal Practice with Individuals, Children, and Families.

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I have enjoyed reading this book. The information presented is fascinating and the way it's presented is approachable and reader-friendly. I purchased it for a class in grad school and found it to be an enjoyable read. The author did a nice job of presenting a field of study that's enormously complex in a way that is enjoyable and readable by a typical reader. The only thing I thought was lacking was the labeling on the diagrams of the brain. The diagrams identified some specific parts of the brain but did not identify other parts of the brain that were mentioned in the text. I found myself several times examining the diagrams in order to find a part of the brain I just read about but wasn't able to find because they were not included in the diagrams. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in neuroscience, whether they are in an academic setting or not.

The book is normal up to page 145, then you have to find page 146 at the back of the book. The pages after 146 at the back of the book then run backwards to complete the books. Thier out of order. I had a good laugh. I wonder if I was the only one that had this issue. This is an advanced graduate book. Difficult to read, but interesting. Does great to tie the medical model and social work together.

Dr. Farmer's book opens a new vision to the significance of integrating the latest neuroscience scientific knowledge with the traditional social work interventive methods to enhance our understanding of human behavior and to excell in providing services to our clients. Dr. Farmer enlightens the social work profession to the importance of understanding the brain's function and its influence on bodily functions and people's behaviors.

Very good overview of the role neuroscience plays in the field of social work. It is extremely overpriced now that it is being used as a textbook.

A great book for any social worker

Farmer explains Neurobiology like no other. She brings Bowlby, Mains, Ainsworth, and more alive. This book breaks down the importance of neurobiology and social work intergrated for the well being of the client.

This is a good book, perfect for my line of social work. The book arrived on time and in great condition.

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