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Editorial Review

Review

“I have taught this course for nine years and had not found a book this engaging. When I started reading the chapters, I wanted to continue reading. The material is presented in a balanced and fair manner, without the usual bias or slanted presentations common to marriage and family introductory texts. . . . This text includes a balance of theory, research, and practical applications. Students will have a much richer understanding of the contemporary family after reading this text.”

—*Bill C. Greenvalt, Western Kentucky University*

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—*Bobbie Brannon, Catawba Valley Community College*

“I have found that the text is very readable and does engage the student in the subject matter. Students do find the Self-Assessments useful. Also, the textbook works well for a number of teaching and learning styles. I have used the book in both a lecture/discussion course and in a self-paced mastery-based course using the Keller model of student learning.”

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—*Linda Green, Normandale Community College*

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