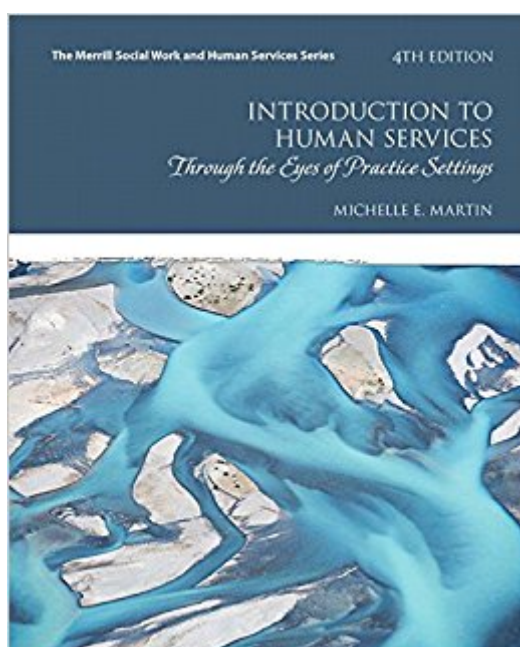


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Customer Reviews

Introduction to Human Services, First Edition [By:Michelle Martin \(Judson College\)](#) Overview: This highly readable human services text offers a generalist view of the breadth and scope of human services. [Features:](#) Ten practice settings are explored in depth, including the history and role of the human service professional, common clinical issues, and intervention strategies used within a given practice setting. A chapter on faith-based agencies, a long neglected practice setting, focuses on agencies from three of the world's major religions. [Native American issues](#), including a history of governmental oppression, are covered. [A comprehensive chapter on Macro Practice](#) addresses this growing and important field, including social injustice such as crimes against women and children, hate crimes, sweatshops, human sex trafficking, FGM, and economic injustice in developing countries. [What Reviewers Are Saying:](#) ["The strengths of this new text include the depth and breadth of topics presented; the application of information to real cases; the comprehensive look at the nature and qualifications of the profession; and the organization of the material."](#) I would definitely consider using this text for my introductory course in human services. ["The approach taken by Martin is refreshing, as it cuts to the chase of the helping profession. Many students enter the field of helping with only an abstract sense of their career path. Martin's approach would assist students in having a more concrete view of the populations and issues in the helping professions as well as the individual skills and knowledge base needed by the professional."](#) I especially enjoy the idea of having more information on faith based work, as

many of my students express an interest in this area. –

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Dr. Michelle Martin is an Assistant Professor in the MSW program at California State University, Fullerton. She has previously taught at DePaul University and Dominican University. Dr. Martin has an MSW from the University of Illinois, Chicago, with an emphasis in school social work, a masters of social science in policy studies from the University of Bristol, and a PhD in global peace studies from the University of Bradford. Dr. Martin has over 30 years of experience in the human and social services, having worked in child welfare, adolescent services, victim advocacy, hospice, school social work, and refugee services. Dr. Martin's research interests focus on how social media is used to express identity and trauma among refugee and migrant groups. Dr. Martin has written three textbooks in the human services/social work areas, as well as other publications focusing on a range of issues, including social media, identity development, wellbeing, middle age and active aging. Dr. Martin is a regular blogger for the Huffington Post where she writes about women and middle age.

This book should have been proofed prior to publishing. It is awful the amount of mistakes I've found in the first chapter alone. I'm sure the rest of the book will be awful too.

I loved this text because of the information it carried. It proves to be excellent for those who are seeking knowledge at the Masters level of Human Service counseling. It made many things very clear and contained the latest information. I enjoyed it unfortunately our Instructor was stuck with trying to deviate from the subject matter at hand and promote "Christian Ministry" which was a sheer waste of time. I read it on my own and taken notes and used it in my field several times.

Update: I initially reviewed this book negatively because I found it had so many errors. The author personally replied to this review and I have since been offered an updated copy, so I have changed my review. Thank you. The original review: So many errors and typos in this book its ridiculous. Just obvious mistakes, it seems like no one read over it before publishing.

Great

for a class - on time, as advertised

The typos were still present in some spots of the 3rd edition. I do not mind first person writing in introductions or summaries of a chapter, but when you are reading a book for a class that is a textbook the author should not write in the first person. It was distracting in some places because it wasn't clear if the I or me was opinions or had concrete proof from research. All in all it was a decent introduction book for my introduction to Human Services. With a little editing and revisions it could only get better.

Everywhere there is a "th" the book shows "ff". Everywhere there is a "ff" the book shows "th". Once I figured this out it made it easier to understand what the word should be, however, this is a very big confusing inconvenience to me when trying to read my homework.

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