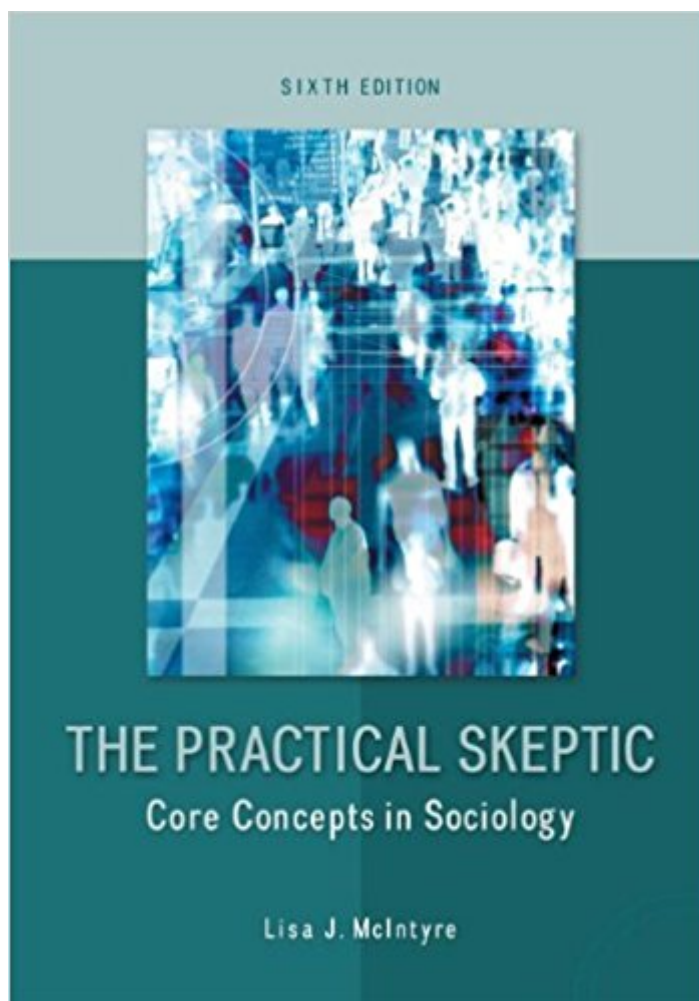


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The Practical Skeptic: Core Concepts In Sociology



Synopsis

The Practical Skeptic, a concise introduction to sociology, focuses on core concepts as the central building blocks for understanding sociology. Lisa McIntyre's straightforward, lively style and her emphasis on critical thinking make this an engaging and user-friendly text for students of all levels. Through this conversational narrative, students are able to grasp key sociological concepts and learn the essential lesson that there is much that goes on in the social world that escapes the sociologically untrained eye.

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Customer Reviews

Lisa J. McIntyre is associate professor in sociology at Washington State University. She received the PhD in sociology from The University of Chicago. She is the author of three books including *The Public Defender: The Practice of Law in the Shadows of Repute*; *Law in the Sociological Enterprise* and *The Practical Skeptic: Core Concepts in Sociology* and the editor of *The Practical Skeptic: Readings in Sociology*. With Marvin Sussman, McIntyre edited *Families and Law*. An enthusiastic teacher and popular lecturer, McIntyre is a winner of Washington State University's William F. Mullen Teaching Medal and numerous departmental teaching awards. Her central research focus is on how law and social behavior interact.

This book got to me very quickly, which was nice. I was using it for my sociology 101 class.

Although I did not do much reading in the text it was an easy read for the class. This was not the most exciting thing to read and the chapters were longer than I would have liked, which is part of why I never did the readings for the class. I did fine in the class without the readings. Renting the

book was great because I didn't have to purchase it full price!

needed it for college. good condition

Great book

This is an excellent text for understanding sociological concepts; the terms are clearly explained and McIntyre provides many excellent examples. Even if you're not taking a sociology course, this is an excellent read for understanding humans in terms of how we are socialized, how we form social institutions, and how we interact with one another; you'd be surprised to find just how much of our lives are influenced by social forces.

Great book! Lisa McIntyre explains sociology basics in a very interesting manner. Not dull or boring at all. I liked it so much I wish I hadn't rented it! Sad to see this one go back in the mail.. boo hoo. I also really like the fact that it is 6 1/2 x 9 inches. Small, easy to carry around, light. Just awesome all around. Great introduction to sociology.

As other college students will know, textbooks vary primarily by writing style. The content is set by committees somewhere, and the writer must meet those requirements to be allowed to sell books. That leaves writing style and structure. Lisa McIntyre writes in a clear and friendly voice which eases the process of absorbing a great deal of information in this "not my major field" subject. She also structures her presentation well. The "Stop & Review" questions presented after important information will prove useful in giving context to those actually seeking to learn about sociology; the chapter-end reviews ease the process for the rest of us. The combined glossary and index came as a surprise to me but has proven useful. Having only one author probably improves the process as well; I have another textbook with conflicting information and jarring changes of "voice," annoyances which McIntyre eliminates by doing the work herself.

Sure the material can get dry sometimes, but that's not the author's fault. She actually writes it in more of a conversational tone than lecture. I'd even consider buying this even if it wasn't required for my class. Sociology is very interesting and this book helped teach the concepts so I'd get them down to the core. It's by far a better textbook than it could've been. On top of that, the author is always making revisions as feedback is addressed to it.

The product was not in the condition that was listed. It came in with along the binding, writing throughout the pages, and said pages appeared to be yellowed.

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