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Offering a diverse variety of perspectives, Exploring Family Theories, Third Edition, is a combined text/reader that integrates theory with research and applications. In each chapter, Suzanne R. Smith and Raeann R. Hamon present the history, scholarship, and critiques of one principal family theory in a concise manner. Numerous examples and illustrations augment and clarify content, while application questions help students relate these theories to the real world. After each chapter, a follow-up journal article exemplifies how that particular theory is used to guide actual research.

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Nice textbook. At first I rented but then I purchased. Easy and interesting read. Will keep on my bookshelf for easy family theory reference.

This textbook was for a class that I didn't particularly care for. However, the book itself was in brand new condition and I really like the smaller size. It came quickly as well and the price wasn't overwhelming. It was easy to slip into my bag to take along with me for the day. If you like exploring family theories, this is a comprehensive guide to that topic. It was simply a requirement for my degree major and not necessarily my favorite topic to learn about.

It reads in a more conversational tone which makes it easier to digest.

I needed this book for my Family Studies class. I loved learning about the theories and how they all enter twine. Perfect book for anyone wanting to learn how families and people operate.

This book arrived on time and as described. Encourage you to buy from this seller. The content of the book makes it a GREAT reference for anyone seeking a panorama of family theory. Would likely work well for an upper level undergraduate course, or a lower level graduate course in any department which touches family studies.

This author of this book really keeps things from becoming boring. Considering I am reading it as a part of my graduate coursework, I am quite pleased with it to the point where I would actually consider it a rather leisurely read, if you're into the subject.

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