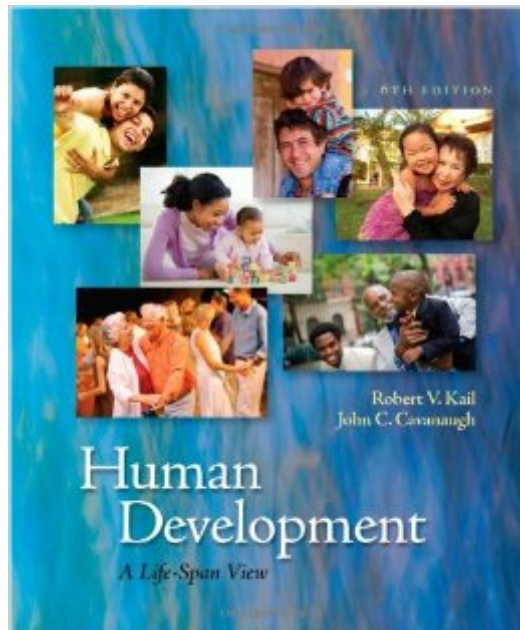


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# Human Development: A Life-Span View



## Synopsis

Balanced coverage of the entire life span is just one thing that distinguishes HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: A LIFE-SPAN VIEW, 6TH EDITION. With its comprehensive, succinct, and applied coverage, the text has proven its ability to capture students' interest while introducing them to the issues, forces, and outcomes that make us who we are. Robert V. Kail's expertise in childhood and adolescence, combined with John C. Cavanaugh's extensive research in gerontology, result in a book with a rich description of all life-span stages and important topics. A modified chronological approach traces development in sequential order from conception through late life, while also dedicating several chapters to key topical issues. This organization also allows the book to be relatively briefer than other texts a benefit given the enormous amount of information covered in the course.

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## Customer Reviews

I was interested in taking a course on human development (developmental psychology) and I did some research on the Internet. This book came up in a couple of forums and in random searches, so I came here to buy it. Turns out that it was not only a good choice, but a good investment. There's a lot of research that went into making this book the goldmine that it is; especially for someone who wants to know more about the topic. It's obviously written for a college course, but if you are self-directed, you can get the full educational value of this publication and have a jump-start on course work like I did.

Writer is from Purdue. I have found several mistakes throughout the textbook and the content is different from almost 4 other Psych books I have read. (Like vocab words that are completely different from what I have learned in the past.) I believe my professor only got it because the writer is from Purdue. Do not be that professor who assigns a textbook because of where the author goes. Please.

I used this for an online class that called for the edition newer than this one. It did not prevent me from saving money, however, and I made a 94 in the class. It wasn't the book's fault I didn't make a 100, LOL

This is the required reading for the module I am studying. Human Development: a life-span view, 5th edn, is a well laid out, thorough textbook covering human development from conception to death. It is written from several viewpoints: psychodynamic theory, learning theory, cognitive-developmental theory, ecological and systems approaches, and the life-span perspective, which have been excellently integrated to produce a usefully holistic text. I have only given four stars because unfortunately, the book is full of typos, which is disappointing for a text which is on the more expensive side.

I ended up not needing the book and tried to return it...the seller did cooperate but not fully. He said it was too cheap to return. I paid \$20 for it and wanted my \$ back but oh well. He sent me a label to return if I decided to. The book is interesting though and a good read.

I have this class and need to read 3 chapters by this weekend! It came on time and was brand new. I am renting this book and all other bookstores online did not have a choice of next day delivery, or two day delivery. Anyway, came on through, Thank God! This book sells at my school for 245 dollars!! and I just love that had what I needed=)

the three or four pages of depression in older humans -- i am 62 -- is worth more insights and sober assessment of what it means to be human than 20 years of therapy -- this is a lovingly crafted work of humanistic science. i cannot recommend it too highly for anyone who might wish to live a mindful existence all the days of his or her life.

I read this book cover to cover. It was very smooth and kept me interested throughout the chapters.

The book is broken down into various life sections and i felt the level of detail was well thought out. It also provides a reference list at the book if you would like more information on a specific topic.

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