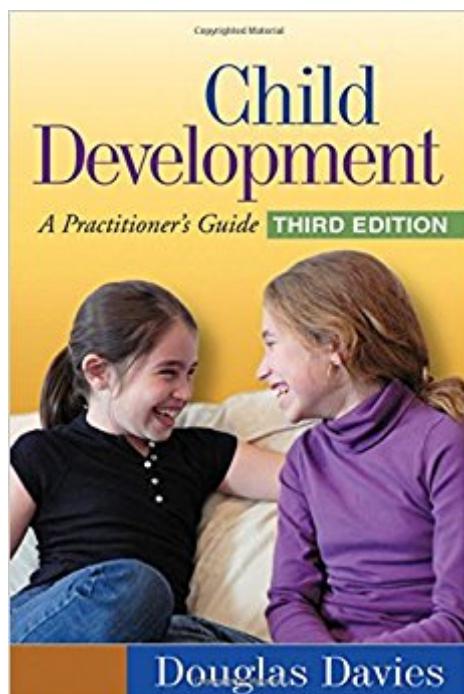


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# Child Development, Third Edition: A Practitioner's Guide (Clinical Practice With Children, Adolescents, And Families)



## **Synopsis**

This widely used practitioner resource and course text provides an engaging overview of developmental theory and research, with a focus on what practitioners need to know. The author explains how children's trajectories are shaped by transactions among early relationships, brain development, and the social environment. Developmental processes of infancy, toddlerhood, the preschool years, and middle childhood are described. The book shows how children in each age range typically behave, think, and relate to others, and what happens when development goes awry. It demonstrates effective ways to apply developmental knowledge to clinical assessment and intervention. Vivid case examples, observation exercises, and quick-reference tables facilitate learning.

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"This truly indispensable volume can serve as a student text or a reference for

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Douglas Davies, MSW, PhD, until his death in 2015, was Lecturer at the School of Social Work, University of Michigan. An infant mental health specialist, he published numerous clinical articles on intervention with toddlers and parents, traumatized children, and child cancer survivors. Dr. Davies's practice was devoted to reflective supervision of mental health clinicians and child care consultants, consultation to agencies, and training of clinicians on topics in child development and child therapy. He was inducted into the National Academies of Practice as a distinguished social work practitioner and received the Selma Fraiberg Award from the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health.

I read this for a class in social work and wished I'd read it sooner. Great explanations and

information, so helpful for a new parent or a clinician working with children or teens.

It was as expected and educational. Not a lot of markings in it.

Excellent fast shipping.

I'm not a child therapist or student of child development. I was looking for something with a little more meat than what's found in most parenting books, and this book delivered. I can understand almost everything and it offers terrific breakdowns of different areas of development at each stage, with quick snapshots. I'll be using the book frequently in the future when I have questions, concerns, or curiosities about my children's path to adulthood!

I brought this textbook as a requirement for one of my classes. The book is easy to read, comprehend and understand. It's one of those books that you don't need your professor to decipher for you. The text is factual and has good examples to help one understand the readings better. To my surprise I actually enjoy reading it.

An excellent study guide. Each stage of child development is described in two chapters: one theoretical, and one providing real-life vignettes. Easy language. Even theoretical chapters are written in an easy language, no jargon.

Excellent text arrived on time great for my course has helped me a great deal in writing papers

The information in the book is VERY essential when working with children and youth. The professor who wrote the book teaches at my school, the University of Michigan School of Social Work. The only problem I've ever had with the book is that when I ordered it and it came the cover was one way and the whole text was another. So when I opened it up from the front cover, I had the last page of the text AND it was upsidedown. should really fix that!!

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