Each chapter of this book is built around what the authors call the total quality framework which is based on credibility, analysability, transparency and usefulness.

The discussion in each chapter includes a focus on the benefits and disadvantages of various data collection techniques including in-depth interviews, focus groups, observation and different types of data analysis.

The book lends itself to technology-enhanced learning, and good use is made of chapter summaries and discussion topics and worked examples. There is also a detailed glossary. Where appropriate, the advantages and disadvantages of preparing for, collecting and analysing data using technology is explored providing an additional dimension to the text.

I would recommend this book to educators, researchers and postgraduate students.


Reviewed by Morag Gray, emeritus professor at the Faculty of Health, Life and Social Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University; honorary senior lecturer at the University of Liverpool, and director of Gray Academic

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Advanced Nursing Practice and Nurse-led Clinics in Oncology

This book provides a comprehensive and practical guide for oncology nurses to advance their practice and develop nurse-led clinics. It also includes case studies showing how this can be achieved in a variety of settings.

The author’s passion for advancing oncology nursing practice is based on her aspiration to improve the patient experience and continuity of care. She provides readers with a practical, patient-centred approach with chapters covering nursing developments and policy influences, clinical leadership and autonomy, non-medical prescribing, and compassionate and effective communication.

Ten tips for setting up nurse-led clinics are included, one of which is professional support and clinical supervision.

The book includes discussion of the author’s evaluation of nurse-led chemotherapy clinics, highlighting the disparity in the level of nurse-led clinics in the UK. The potential for medicalisation of the advanced nursing role is also covered.

The strength of this book is the author’s clinical experience which is supported with a wealth of research evidence and policy.

The author employs an honest approach setting out realistic and pragmatic case studies and examples for nurses who are considering developing their practice.

The book is an essential read for any nurse undertaking further training or who is in an advanced practice role in this field.


Reviewed by Karen Campbell, Macmillan associate professor and Emma Trotter, Macmillan lecturer, Edinburgh Napier University

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Landscapes of the Heart: The Working World of a Sex and Relationship Therapist

This is a challenging book written about the author’s experience of couples therapy. The book focuses on Pesso Boyden system psychomotor (PBSP) which is a verbal and physical therapy that supports people who are grieving after difficult and lost relationships from childhood. It works toward replacing negative memories with positive, symbolic ones, as a new base for interactions in intimate relationships.

There are many techniques to reflect on which can be used in both personal and professional situations. There is a detailed section on how to consciously view a situation from different perspectives and a useful seven-11 breathing technique, where you breathe in for seven seconds and out for 11 before reacting in a volatile situation.

This is an interesting and useful read whether investigating PBSP or looking for day-to-day techniques to improve relationships.


Reviewed by Sarah Bekaert, lecturer, child health, City University, London

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Applied Qualitative Research Design: A Total Framework Approach

This book is a comprehensive and practical guide for researchers who wish to conduct qualitative research. It provides a clear and accessible introduction to the process of qualitative research, from planning to analysis.

The book is structured into eight parts, each covering a different aspect of qualitative research. The first part introduces the reader to the fundamental concepts of qualitative research, including definitions, benefits, and challenges. The second part focuses on the process of data collection, covering both qualitative and quantitative approaches. The third part explores the methods of data analysis, including thematic analysis, content analysis, and discourse analysis.

The book’s strength lies in its practical approach, with numerous case studies and real-life examples to illustrate the concepts. It also includes a detailed glossary and a list of recommended readings, making it a valuable resource for researchers.


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