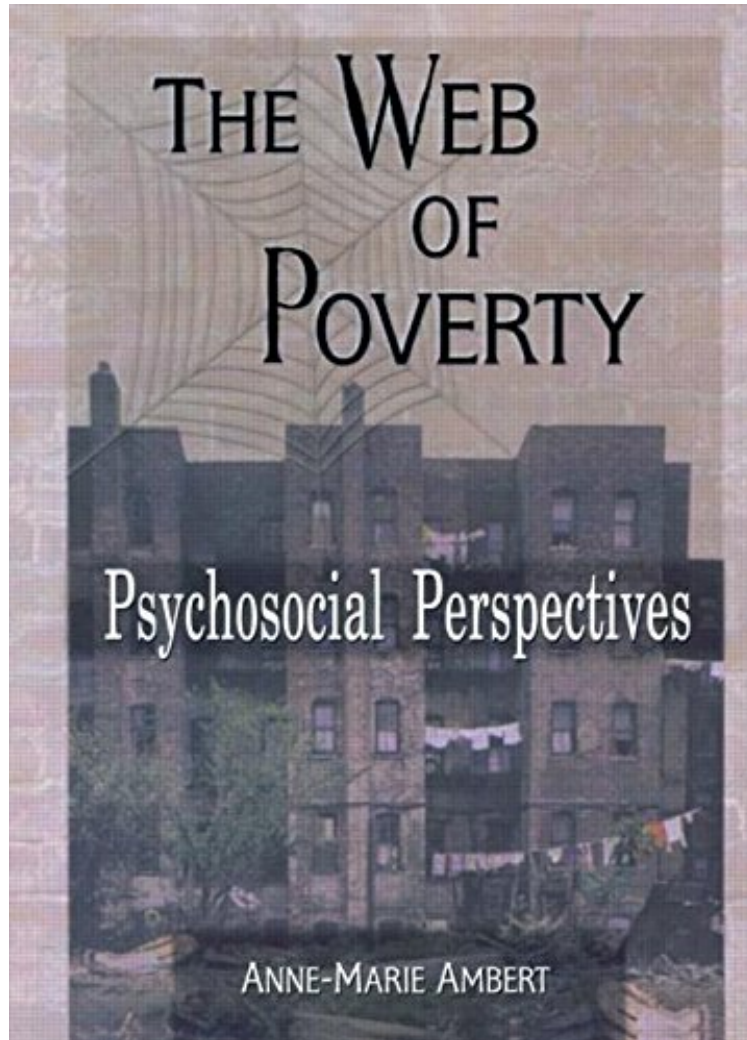


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good job of demonstrating that people living in poverty are often not responsible for their situation, at least no more so than the overall social structure they are a part of. "Web" reminds us the true cause lies in a system that creates cycles of poverty by putting so much influence on personal wealth and the bottom line. At the same time few escapes are offered for those unfortunate enough to fall below the poverty line. In addition, Ambert also emphasizes the cyclical nature of poverty. She shows how causes of poverty can lead to effects, which in turn cause more poverty. Effectively, when parents enter poverty their children are often doomed to the same state. Overall, this book was very interesting and difficult to read. The information presented was very valuable and eye opening. It was hard to acknowledge the dreary state that so many people live in every day. Since the book did not give very many solutions to this social plague, it, at times, painted poverty as a bottomless black pit. However, the negative feelings caused by this book are necessary to spur readers to action, or at least away from apathy, towards poverty. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to get a true view of the extent, causes, and consequences of poverty.

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The most interdisciplinary, integrated text on poverty, *The Web of Poverty: Psychosocial Perspectives* gives you a full understanding of poverty and its consequences, equipping you to affect social change. This unique book examines the social and personal causes of poverty, focusing on the consequences of poverty at the neighborhood and school levels and on families, children, and youth. Ethnic and racial minorities are considered throughout the text, and a chapter is devoted to the interface of poverty, segregation, and discrimination. *The Web of Poverty* helps you clearly see the effects of poverty by considering the cultural and social contexts of victims' lives. In doing so, it fills a gap in the literature caused by books that overlook personal issues and data related to individual experiences. Chapters address contentious and sensitive issues within a critical psychosocial perspective that informs concepts such as the subculture of poverty, social pathologies, and the overclass. Many of the topics and perspectives you'll explore in its pages are rarely considered together in one volume. Specifically, you'll read about: the plight of impoverished mothers and their children a comparison of the poverty of disadvantaged African Americans and poor white Americans health disadvantages of the poor the effects of poverty on school systems and the quality of education students receive the factors of age, race, and ethnicity that can lead to poverty a refutation of the notion of genetic inferiority of the poor Poverty is often the cause of other social ills such as delinquency, which can destroy the social fabric of neighborhoods and limit opportunities to escape impoverished situations. *The Web of Poverty* will help you accurately see poverty as part of this big picture. It contains material from the fields of sociology, developmental psychology, family studies, economics, delinquency, ethnic studies, health, and behavior genetics. This amalgamation gives you a thorough psychosocial perspective.