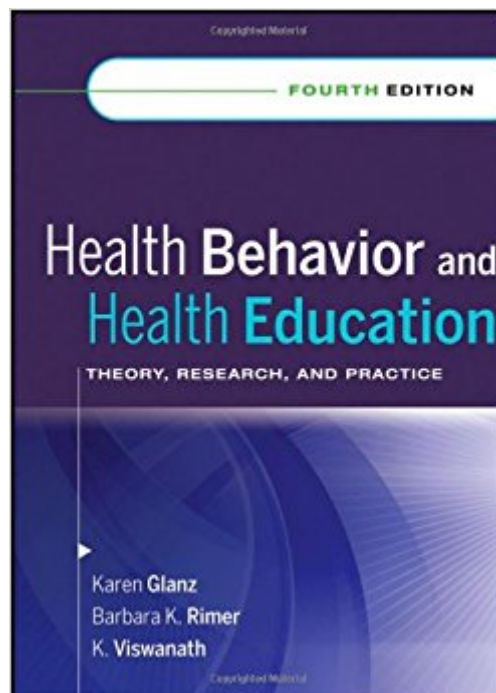




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# Health Behavior And Health Education: Theory, Research, And Practice



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For anyone interested in theories of health behavior, this is the place to start. Some of the most commonly used theories are explained here in detail, and there is even an explanation for why the theories that are in there are included. However, sometimes while reading about the theories you wonder why there are so many words, when many fewer would do. Sometimes you might read a paragraph and think that you would have absorbed the information much better if, instead of that paragraph, you had read two sentences and a diagram. Nonetheless, this is a great book to introduce you to common theories, and a great reference for a junior researcher working on intervention design or literature review.

Loving this book for my Health Behavior Theory class! Easy to read, and extremely interesting for

someone like me who is interested in health education and health promotion.

I was required to purchase this textbook for my intro health promotion class for my public health degree. I still remember this textbook (and the class) 6 years later. I liked this book. It had good examples and provided a solid foundation for a beginner to health promotion.

A difficult read. Chapters need a summary, and more subheadings. The authors are clearly experts but they have not written it for beginners or intermediate level students, who are looking for useful models for research.

I have read about 5 books on behavior psych for my job... working on embedding behavior psych into Avatars used for personal health coaches. This book is great. Easy read actually.

Not the easiest textbook to read. Even at a graduate level, the pretentious vocabulary in the chapters written by the editors is obnoxious. The guest chapters are much more user-friendly.

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Great reference for class

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