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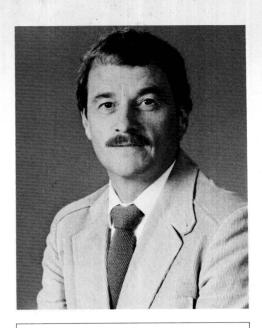


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Human Exceptionality

To our families: Terry, Robert, Jeffrey, Joel, and Camille Hardman; Linda James; Linda, Daniel, Amy, Mary Ann, and Marcia Egan.

Foreword

There is probably no joy in life that compares to the happiness that comes with the anticipation and entry of a newborn into the family constellation. Parents, relatives, and friends all have preconceived notions of what life will be like with the new child around. Great plans and hopes for the child's future often dominate the parents' thinking. But can you imagine what happens to the family when the "bundle of anticipation" is born with unique problems?

A little over nineteen years ago, I well remember the physician coming out of the delivery room to announce to this excited new father that "It is a girl and [all in the same sentence] we have a problem." Even though I had been a professional special educator for several years, having a child with unique problems

was something that happened to other families, not to mine.

During the next several days there were numerous unbelievable emotional and psychological adjustments that had to be made, while simultaneously trying to respond to the medical professionals, as well as additional extraordinary requirements that came so unexpectedly to a set of new parents. The changes in our lives that began early on that Tuesday morning in January would be long lasting. New adjustments were required on a regular basis, and they soon became almost automatic. The desire for more information in order to understand the health condition was a driving force. At the same time, there emerged within our family a keen appreciation and value for life that we had never before known.

The years passed very quickly, and almost every one of them can be remembered with some unusual special joys as well as some very challenging events. We have recently completed a full life cycle with our daughter, Brekke Khyleen. It has been only a few years since this very bright and special young lady left us for her eternal future. Her optimism, cheerful attitude, and personal determination were her most obvious characteristics. Although she presented the medical profession and her parents with unusual challenges, she maintained that her physical limitation was only a nuisance with which she had to contend. She made it quite clear that the limitation was in no way to interfere with her productivity and zest for life. As a result of the personal characteristics she possessed, medical assistance, and parental understanding and caring, Brekke became a highly independent young lady, who in a few short years contributed significantly to the lives of others.

For our family, one of the critical elements in helping our daughter was the continuous search for knowledge that would heighten our understanding of



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the situation and that would guide us in ensuring her independence and personal growth. The book that you are beginning to read and study is a valuable source of information that will enhance your knowledge and understanding of exceptional individuals and the families in which they live. Within each chapter you will find vignettes about special individuals, which will enable you to relate your learning to actual cases.

You will find the book to be written in a scholarly, yet practical, manner. The book represents current research on the major exceptionalities and examines critical issues that impact upon providing appropriate interventions for exceptional persons. You will want to keep this book in your library as a future reference.

As a person involved in the helping profession, you will have numerous opportunities to work with individuals who present unusual challenges. However, you will want to remember that special individuals are first of all "individuals" and second, "individuals with special and unique characteristics." The knowledge and understanding that you develop about these persons will enable you to interact positively with them and to facilitate opportunities that will enable them to become contributing members of society. It has been my experience that special individuals bring many personal returns, "blessings," to those who interact with them. They give to us much more than they require of us.

Careful attention to the contents of this book will significantly affect your future as you have the opportunity to become acquainted with exceptional persons and their families. Knowledge facilitates our understanding and our ability to care.

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Preface

There is hope, I believe, in seeing the human adventure as a whole and in the shared trust that knowledge about mankind sought in reverence for life, can bring life.

MARGARET MEAD

As you begin your study of the third edition of Human Exceptionality: Society, School, and Family, we would like to provide some perspective on those features that continue from our second edition as well as on what is new and different. It is important to remember that this text is about people. It is about people with diverse needs, characteristics, and lifestyles. It is about people who for one reason or another are called exceptional. What does the word exceptional mean to you? For that matter what do the words, disordered, deviant, or handicapped mean to you? Who or what influenced your knowledge and attitudes about these terms and the people behind them? It is likely that you were influenced most by life experiences and not by formal training. You may have a family member, friend, or casual acquaintance who is exceptional in some way. It may be that you are a person with exceptional characteristics. Then again, you may be approaching a study of human exceptionality with little or no background on the topic. You will find that the study of human exceptionality is the study of being human. Perhaps you will come to understand yourself better in the process.

ORGANIZATIONAL FEATURES

In addition to providing you with current and informative content, we are committed to making your first experience with the area of exceptionality interesting, enjoyable, and productive. To accomplish this, we have incorporated some features within the third edition of the text that should greatly enhance your desire to learn more and become acquainted with exceptional people.

To Begin With . . .

"To Begin With . . ." boxes, found at the beginning of each chapter, are designed to introduce and stimulate interest on topics. They offer a variety of fascinating and current quotes, facts, and figures related to each subject area.

Chapter Vignettes

Beginning with Chapter 3, we present at least one vignette, or short case study, of an exceptional individual in every chapter. The purpose of these vignettes is to provide you with some insight into the needs, characteristics, and lifestyles of exceptional people. These vignettes are, however, in no way representative of the range of characteristics associated with a given area of exceptionality. At best, they simply provide you with a frame of reference for your reading. They let you know we are talking about real people who deal with life in many of the same ways.

Windows

"Windows" is a series of personal statements found throughout the text that focus on critical issues affecting the lives of exceptional people. The purpose of windows is to share with you some personal insights into the lives of these people. These insights may come from teachers, family members, friends, peers, and professionals, as well as from the exceptional individual. We believe you will find windows to be one of the most enriching aspects of your introduction to exceptionality.

In the News

Scattered throughout the book are "In the News" boxes that highlight current events relating to various exceptionalities. For example, Chapter 9 features an article on the Gallaudet University student protest. These boxes are designed to keep you up-to-date on issues and people who are making news.

Reflect on This

Every chapter includes at least one section entitled "Reflect on This." Each reflect highlights a piece of interesting and relevant information that will add to your learning and enjoyment of the chapter content. These reflect sections give you a temporary diversion from the chapter narrative, while providing you with some engaging facts about a variety of subjects. These may include misconceptions regarding people with Down syndrome; information on the development of artificial arms, ears, and eyes; or a letter to the mother of a child who stutters.

Debate Forum

Every chapter in this third edition concludes with a debate forum. The purpose of these forums is to broaden your view of the issues concerning exceptional people. The debate forums in each chapter focus on issues about which there is some philosophical difference of opinion, such as labeling, federal involvement in education, the role of a professional working with an exceptional individual, and the appropriateness of an intervention strategy. For each issue discussed, there is a position taken (point) and an alternative to that position (counterpoint). Remember, the purpose of the debate forum is not to establish right or wrong answers, but to help you better understand the diversity of issues concerning the exceptional individual.

IMPROVING YOUR STUDY SKILLS

Each chapter in this text is organized in a systematic fashion. Here are some brief suggestions that will increase your learning effectiveness.

Survey the Chapter. In the margins of each chapter you will find a series of focus questions that should guide your reading. Survey the focus questions before reading the chapter. Each question highlights important information to be learned. After surveying the focus questions, examine key chapter headings to further familiarize yourself with chapter organization.

Ask Questions. Using the focus questions as a guide, ask yourself what it is you want to learn from the chapter material. After reviewing chapter headings and the focus section, write down any additional questions you may have and use them as a supplement to guide your reading. Now organize your thoughts and schedule time to actively read the chapter.

Read. Again using the focus questions as your guide, actively read the chapter.

Recite. After you have completed your reading of the chapter, turn back to the focus questions and respond orally and in writing to each question. Develop a written outline of the key points to remember.

Review. Each chapter in this text concludes with a section entitled review. Each focus question for the chapter is repeated in this section along with key points to remember from the material presented. Compare your memory of the material and your written outline to the key points addressed in the review section. If you forgot or misunderstood any of the important points, return to the focus question in the chapter and reread the material. Follow this process for each chapter in the book. In addition, you may consider developing your own short-answer essay tests to further enhance your understanding of the material in each chapter.

A Study Guide is available to help you master the information included in *Human Exceptionality*. Each chapter of the Study Guide includes an overview of the important points, learning objectives, exercises for mastering key terms, multiple choice practice tests, fill-in-the-blank study sections, and activities that encourage further exploration into various topics of interest.

The study of human exceptionality is relatively young and unexplored. For those of you who may be seeking careers in fields concerned with exceptional people, we believe this book will serve you well as a guidepost for future exploration. If after reading this book you are excited and encouraged to study further in this area, then we have met our primary goal. We would be unrealistic and unfair if we said this book will provide you with everything you ever wanted to know about people who are exceptional. What it does provide, however, is an overview on the lives of exceptional people within their own communities, at school, and as family members.

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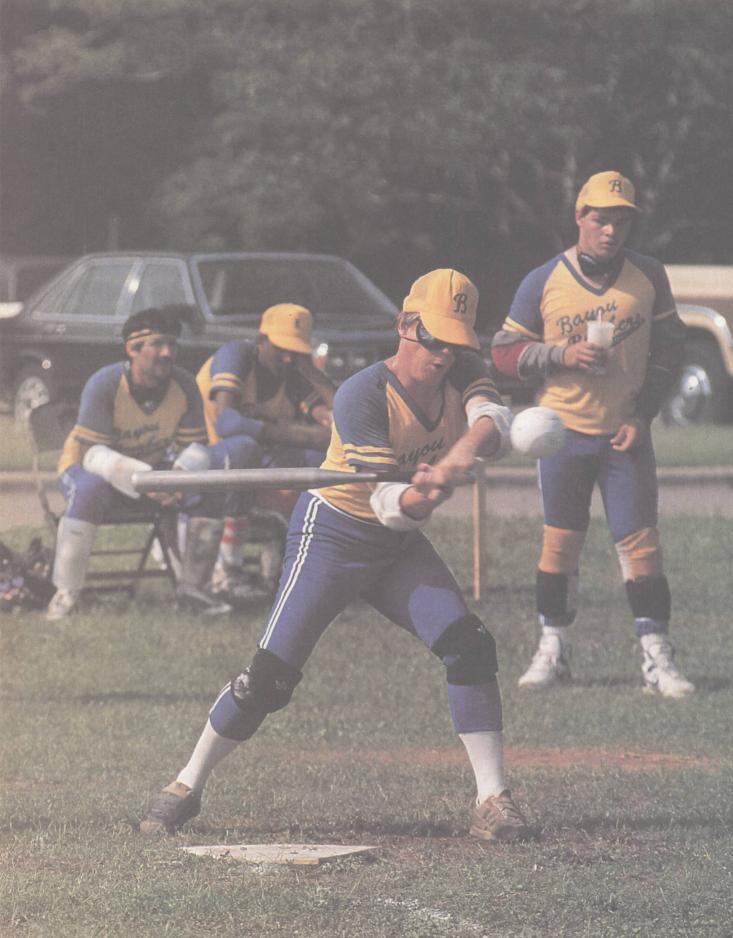
To those professors who have chosen this book for adoption, and to those students who will be using this book as their first information source on human exceptionality, we hope this volume meets your expectations.

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