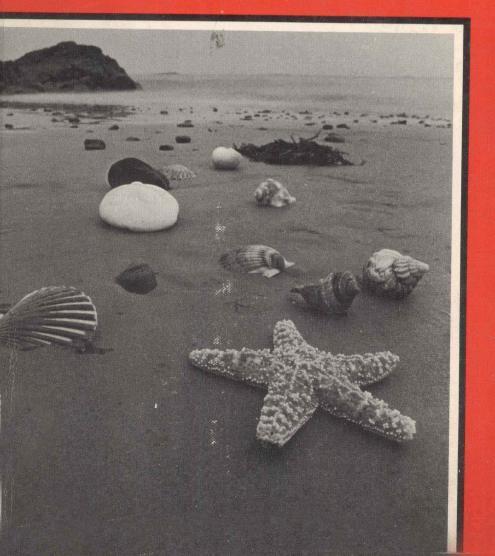
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## Preface for the Instructor

This book can either be used alone, as a text, or as an auxiliary reader. First, and most important, the readings have been chosen because they are *readable*. But we did not make this our only criterion. The selections in *Sociology: Contemporary Readings* were selected for both maximum coverage *and* interest.

We are fortunate to have excellent original contributions on current subjects. Two important chapters, "Minorities" and "Class, Power, and Economics," are introduced by Vincent N. Parrillo and Ronald Glassman respectively. Papers on the "state of the art" were solicited for the subjects of: teenage pregnancy; two-career families; juvenile delinquency aversion programs; the humanizing of sexuality; the development of selfhood; and the cultural phenomenon of the "soap opera." The authors who wrote these contributions were selected because they are all great teachers.

Our underlying goal is to teach about society, using Sociology. The emphasis is on interesting the students in the societal controversies and the individual's problems, the issues and troubles, if you will, that *they* are facing. But, solid conceptual analysis replaces the popular rhetoric found in many current readers. We feel that Sociology *is* relevant; social structures and social change *do* impinge on individual lives.

The selections and the chapter introductions are the products of long and careful research. All current introductory texts were analyzed to find the consensus-core-concepts. This was checked against the materials of the Undergraduate Teaching Section of the American Sociological Society. The chapter introductions, alone, would add up to a short text. We think you will find that any basic concept not covered in the introductions will be found, clearly defined, in a reading. We have tried to cover contemporary issues without taking sides, but we have tried to show that there are "sides" to be taken.

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