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Review

"This book advocates a strength-based approach and is structured to guide the novice practitioner or upgrade the skills of the experienced therapist. It provides the voice of a mentor to help practitioners project the distinctive role of occupational therapy within an interdisciplinary team serving children and families in the community."

-Asha Asher, *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*

"The second edition is a welcome update, reflecting new trends in practice whilst reinforcing the principles of occupation-centred practice that formed the basis of the earlier edition...This book is well written, appropriately challenging and a practical resource for community-based therapists working with children and families at all levels."

-Sally Payne, *The British Journal of Occupational Therapy*

About the Author

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She is a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), has received the Award of Merit for outstanding service contributions to the profession, is a member of the Academy of Research of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF), has received the A. Jean Ayres Research Award for her outstanding contributions to knowledge development, and was the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecturer in 2001 for her significant contributions to "conceptual and evidence based neuroscience research and practice." She has served on the Commission on Practice, the Early Intervention, and School Based Practice Task forces of AOTA, has been the chair of the Research Development Committee of the AOTF, and has served on the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Dr. Dunn has written extensively about service provision practices for children and families, with more than 100 articles and numerous books and book chapters to her credit. She also teaches internationally, serving as visiting professor in numerous programs around the world. Through her research, she has demonstrated the effectiveness of consultation and the use of theory to guide contextually relevant practice.

Her line of research about sensory processing in daily life has been very fruitful, producing the family of *Sensory Profile* assessments that identify distinct patterns of sensory processing in various groups of infants, toddlers, children, youth, adults, and older adults. These assessments are used internationally by professionals in many disciplines, and they have been translated into dozens of languages for use in research and practice programs. Most recently, she wrote a book for the public based on this research. *Living Sensationally: Understanding Your Senses* has been covered in international media and is currently

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