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### Review

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"This second edition is an extremely useful, much-needed text for graduate students and direct practitioners searching for effective ways to help substance-abusing clients. Dr. Straussner is a leading scholar and clinician in the field of substance abuse treatment. She and her colleagues bridge the gap between theory and practice and clearly articulate what has been shown scientifically to work with this particular population. Comprehensive in both breadth and depth, this book will prove to be an invaluable resource for clinical social workers and practicing psychologists."--Joseph P. Ryan, PhD, Children and Family Research Center, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Instructors teaching clinical substance abuse courses for social workers, counseling psychologists, addiction counselors, and allied health professionals will find this book a valuable text. The entire book is very readable, a feature that will appeal to students.

Intervention approaches include cognitive-behavioral, motivational enhancement, and solution-focused techniques, reflecting state-of-the-art knowledge about what works with substance-abusing clients.

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Among the volume's many strengths are the case vignettes illustrating ways to apply the methods with diverse clients and in a variety of practice settings."--Maryann Amodeo, MSW, PhD, Boston University School of Social Work

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