

Book Review Guidelines for BCASW's *Perspectives*

How many words and which file format?

Book reviews should be approximately 500-700 words and sent as a word document attachment to bcasw@bcasw.org. Please send files that are just text, flush left, single-spaced, without special formatting.

We can't make promises

Articles submitted to *Perspectives* are reviewed by an Editorial Committee made up of professional social workers who approve submissions prior to publication. *Perspectives* reserves the right to edit your review for length and style. Space limitations and other considerations may result in *Perspectives* not publishing your review even if we have solicited the submission. In some cases, articles, not published for one issue, may be reserved for publication in a later issue.

Tell us who you are

Please include, at the top of your submission, your full name with credentials, title of the writing, and one or two lines about your work or interest in the topic. Also include your phone number and email address.

Stress-free Deadlines

Please provide the article ON or BEFORE the deadline given to you. If you run into problems with the deadline, give us a call as much BEFORE the deadline as possible so that we can avoid production delays.

APA Reference Style

Submissions to *Perspectives* must conform to the editorial style of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th ed. (2010). Please consult the online APA guide found at - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

What approach to take with the review?

The review should take a critical approach, describing and evaluating the book using accepted social work theory and knowledge, and professional standards. The evaluation should be supported by evidence from the text of the book.

Do you have suggestions for writing a critical review?

Consider the following points in writing the review.

- Include the book's full bibliographic information
- A brief description of the contents, structure of the book, scope of the book, readability, and author
- Your general impression of the book and the thesis
- The significance or relevance of the topic to social work

- An analysis of the content and the arguments put forth by the author, comparing as appropriate to other similar works
- An evaluation of the author's success at achieving the main purpose or goal of the book
- Could the book have been improved
- A statement about the value of the work to the profession
- A recommendation regarding the book's audience