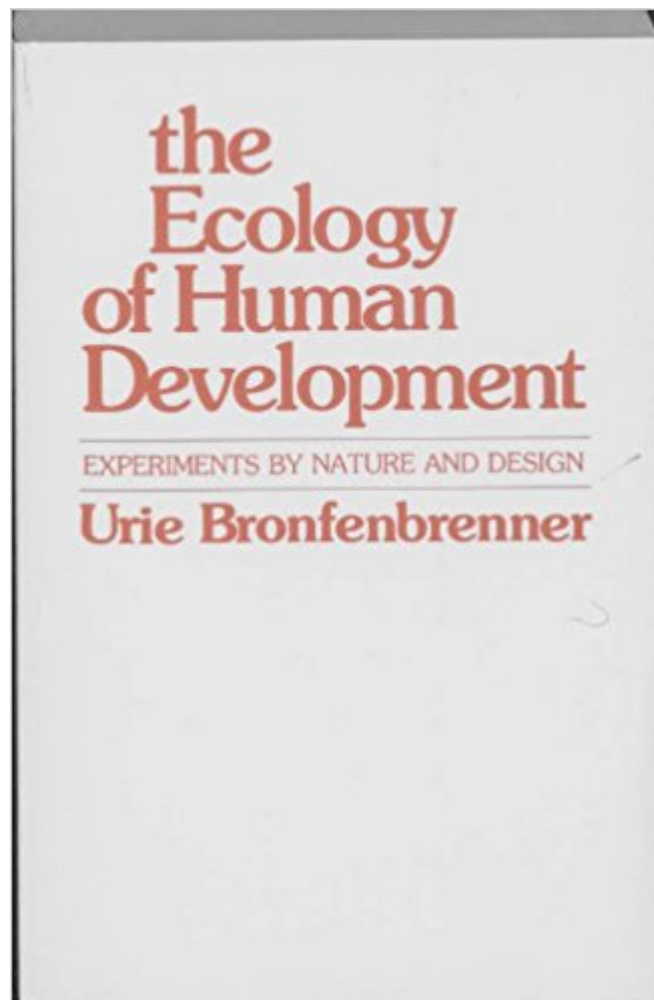




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Synopsis

To understand the way children develop, Bronfenbrenner believes that it is necessary to observe their behavior in natural settings, while they are interacting with familiar adults over prolonged periods of time. His book offers an important blueprint for constructing a new and ecologically valid psychology of development.

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The book's purpose: to offer a new theoretical perspective for research in human development. Bronfenbrenner achieves this goal superbly. . . The synthesis offered in this book is unique...The effect is a perspective on the field of human development that is exciting in its possibilities...This is a usable and practical book...a powerful teaching text...It conveys masterfully the mystery and excitement of scientific investigation. (Contemporary Psychology)The Ecology of Human Development "should generate more productive research work and more sensible thinking about family policy than we have had in the past...Bronfenbrenner is headed in exactly the right direction for directing research and guiding public action. That is an impressive accomplishment. (Psychology Today)Bronfenbrenner's particular observations are thoughtful and provocative...[The book] provides a welcome antidote for the current spate of premature conclusions about what is and is not important in development. (Science)

Urie Bronfenbrenner was Jacob Gould Schurman Professor Emeritus of Human Development and

of Psychology at Cornell University.

As a Master candidate student I used the Ecology of Human Development in writing my thesis. I had read articles related to Bronfenbrenner's book. The author describes the ecological environment ... arrangement of concentric structures referred to as the micro, meso, exo, and macrosystems. I found the Ecology of Human Development as a book I can use as a reference. I love working with young children, and the book widens my knowledge as to how the child is viewed in each of the settings. The author writes of how the child develops, and how these systems relate to the child developing. In addition, Bronfenbrenner elaborates on the importance of observing the child in these settings. Indeed, I found the book relevant.

Bronfenbrenner demonstrates the importance of using a stratified, systemic model to deconstruct the psychosocial environment that any Social Scientist attempts to understand. The book provides a pragmatic model for deconstructing and exploring each of the six social layers that constitute a sociocultural environment. Moreover, it assists in drawing possible causal and correlative connections between the various layers, identifying patterns and links. As such, this book is useful for any professional that needs to develop interventions or conduct research within a particular sociocultural system. I found it an easy read as well as a useful reference.

A classic text. A must read for multiple disciplines.

I have been in search of this book at an affordable price for many years. Bronfenbrenner's 'ecological systems' model is a brilliant framework through which to look at inextricable factors present in the individual's developmental environment. His definitions and hypotheses are clearly stated, his argument is sound and thought provoking and he brings together psychological theory and concepts that enhance theoretical understanding. A collector's book, excellent price, condition and value. Judith Hudson, Wales, UK

Should be a required book for every doctoral learner in psychology and other related social sciences. I found it particularly useful in my dissertation discussing the societal system's impact on human behavior.

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to observe their behavior in natural settings, while they are interacting with familiar adults over prolonged periods of time.

Awesome! Book is great. Arrived much earlier than I expected it would. I would highly recommend this book for all social work professionals!

A great book for anyone studying early childhood in countries that have moved away from ages and stages and developmentally appropriate practices.

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