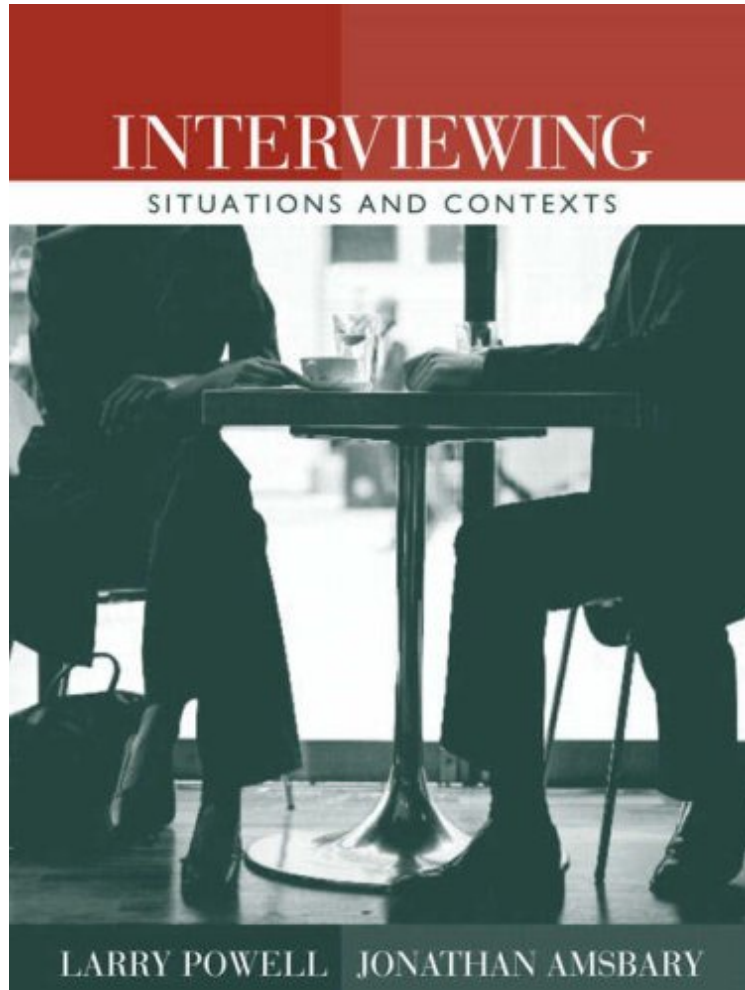



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Larry Powell, Jonathan H. Amsbary : Interviewing: Situations and Contexts before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Interviewing: Situations and Contexts:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. So disappointedBy ErinI teach interviewing at a major university. I formerly used Steward Cash's text, but wanted to try something new, so I adopted this book for a semester. I am incredibly disappointed. There is a great deal of important information missing from each chapter. So much so, that I primarily teach out of my old Steward Cash text despite my students all owning/reading Powell Amsbary. And what I've found it is lacking the most is coverage of the basics of interviewing (e.g., how to establish rapport, how to open/close in different contexts, coverage of question pitfalls, etc.) Additionally, an annoying aspect of this book is that it uses male-generic and sexist language (which I haven't seen in an academic text for many years). For instance, "Sometimes the reporter can summarize the story more succinctly himself..." or the term "salesman" to refer to those who conduct persuasive door-to-door sales interviews. I find it difficult to teach my students to avoid sexist language

in interviews (in order to avoid excluding/offending) when they've seen it used in every chapter of the text. This book unfortunately was a waste of my students' money and I will never even briefly consider using it in the future. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Covers Numerous Interview Situations By Dr. W. G. Covington, Jr. The two interview contexts which stood out most to me were Oral History Interviews (chapter 12) and Interviews for Lawyers (chapter 14). The former I had done previously and the latter I had observed as a journalist when I covered the courthouse beat. Politeness is an important consideration that affects credibility that is sadly neglected. Sources are cited. In chapters 3 and 4 the employment interview is thoroughly explored from both the perspective of the employer and the applicant. Particularly helpful is the section on misleading resumes. In a similar vein, the medical interview is covered effectively in chapter 15 as both sides are addressed. Most of the sidebars were helpful, as interviews with people from the contexts covered in the various chapters brought in the perspective of people in that setting. I was thrown for a loop with the Buddhist. I prefer not to follow a religion whose leader is dead. Mine is alive! He isn't in His grave.

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