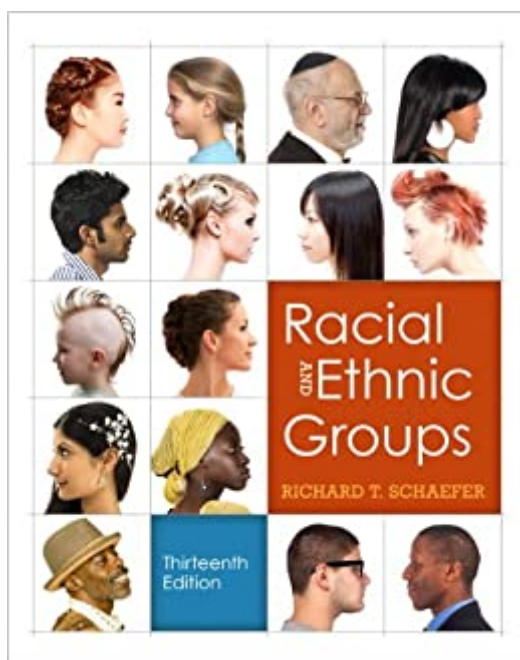


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Richard T. Schaefer grew up in Chicago at a time when neighborhoods were going through transitions in ethnic and racial composition. He found himself increasingly intrigued by what was happening, how people were reacting, and how these changes were affecting neighborhoods and people’s jobs. In high school, he took a course in sociology. His interest in social issues caused him to gravitate to more sociology courses at Northwestern University, where he eventually received a B.A. in sociology. This interest led him to obtain his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago. Dr. Schaefer’s continuing interest in race relations led him to write

his master's thesis on the membership of the Ku Klux Klan and his doctoral thesis on racial prejudice and race relations in Great Britain. He has taught sociology and courses on multiculturalism for 30 years. He has been invited to give special presentations to students and faculty on racial and ethnic diversity in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas. Schaefer is the general editor of the three-volume Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society (2008). He is also the author of introductory sociology books with McGraw-Hill. Schaefer coauthored with William Zellner the ninth edition of Extraordinary Groups (2011). He served as president of the Midwest Sociological Society from 1994 to 1995. In recognition of his achievements in undergraduate teaching, he was named Vincent de Paul Professor of Sociology in 2004.

I would give the book itself two stars but I'm adding two more out of fairness to the entire experience of the transaction. So, two stars for Schaefer and more stars for . This textbook was required for my Sociology class so I was stuck with having to buy it. I decided to get it in kindle version so I didn't have to schlepp a textbook around. There were many things about the book itself that I did not like. I did not find the book to be objective. To me, the book was more biased than a textbook for a course should be. I feel that Schaefer presents too many of his opinions and viewpoints as hard factual information. At one point he cited his own book as a reference. That being said, if you are forced to get this book for required reading, is - reliable through and through. If you can work and study comfortably with e-books I would definitely recommend renting it. Shell out as little money as possible because you probably won't care to add this book to your permanent collection. I wasn't good at studying from the kindle book format so I ended up having to get a paper version as well. If you are like me and need a tangible book for highlighting and taking notes in the margins and such, I was able to get an unbound version with the holes for a 3-ring binder from my University's bookstore. I was able to take out the chapters that I was working with and put them in a skinny binder so I didn't have to cart around a textbook. The unbound version was about one-third of the price of the text. The pages were a bit thinner than the pages in a hardcover textbook but not enough to matter. Just don't go whipping the pages around or the holes will rip. I am done with my semester and only accidentally ripped three or four pages. Good Luck!

The book itself is fine. The condition is good. The issue I have is that I specifically chose a book that said "Racial and Ethnic Groups Plus NEW MySocLab with eText -- Access Card Package" because I needed the eText and access card. I realize the book is used, but that's why I chose one that said with access card. The book came without the access card, so I still had to pay over \$80 to purchase

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Expected more up-to-date stats! Too many statistics remain the same a year later. For example, the same scenario of immigrants are discussed as being 48 or 54 years old in Chapter 4 one year in the 2011 edition and the same age a year later. There are also typos in Chapter 4 in the section entitled Population Growth, which shows insertion of a clause or two while statistics remain the same or are generalized. My university uses the 2011 twelfth edition of this book, I purchased the 2012 thirteenth edition thinking there would be more up-to-stats. My fault I am sure. Perhaps, I should have purchased the fourteenth edition.

I regret purchasing the KINDLE edition of this book. The book itself is a great book for understanding the concepts of Racial and Ethnic Groups for my Cultural Diversity course. I should have ordered the hard copy and not the e book within kindle. This was my first e book purchase through the kindle app for pc and I do regret it. The reason I gave it two stars was for the convenience. I was in need of the book right away and could not wait for shipping. On my PC the font is hard to read and it does not give options to help this issue as other books off the kindle allow. Also navigating through the chapters and pages of this e book is not as seamless as other books on the kindle.

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This text baffled me in how small it was and how much was skimmed over for the sake of being so

short. While it gives a good primer on overall issues of prejudice and discrimination, as well as including statistical data (now mostly out of date) on different minority groups, its size doesn't leave much room for in-depth evaluations. I suppose it's all in perspective: as a high school text, I'd have rated it highly. As a 300-level college course text, I found it ridiculous. That's not the fault of the author so much as my professor for choosing it, but it also serves as a warning for those who encounter this text in college: you will likely know much of what is in here, and what you don't know will likely be out-of-date statistics. Hopefully college professors will stop using this out-of-print, abecedarian text.

I took a race and ethnicity class and I would say that this is pretty detailed and the author definitely shares facts and is considerate of each race stated. Definitely worth a read if you're not quite "in the know" of things, which is important to function period. I feel as though we all know "information" but don't know how to properly explain things or just need another outlook, this could really help.

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