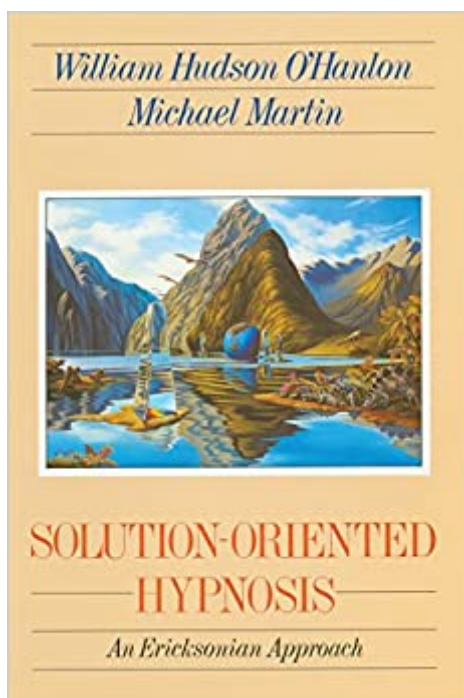


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This is an engaging and extremely readable introduction to Ericksonian Hypnotherapy. Profoundly less "technical manual" than the Grinder Bandler stuff, yet is certainly not dumbed down. Written with humor and understanding in the informal style of a seminar in a manner that anyone could learn from. I would recommend this to anyone interested in Ericksonian Hypnosis.

Transcribed from conducting an actual workshop on hypnotic techniques, particularly Ericksonian techniques, the book flows well, is packed w/good info and usable scripts and suggestions; and I now have copious notes and 20 pages of protocol-matrix photocopies to put in my Erickson binder. I will say O'Hanlon offered the best exploration and explanation of Erickson's techniques that I've

read thus far. The actual scripts putting the techniques into practical use are worth the book cost. Good reference book.

I had a good laugh while reading about the giggler and how O'Hanlon told him he could giggle his way into trance. This is delicious as well as being most informative. At last, after so many years, I'm catching up with Milton Erickson and his approach to hypnosis and therapy, and I find that I'm getting more out of it than ever. Merci beaucoup, and thanks again.

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