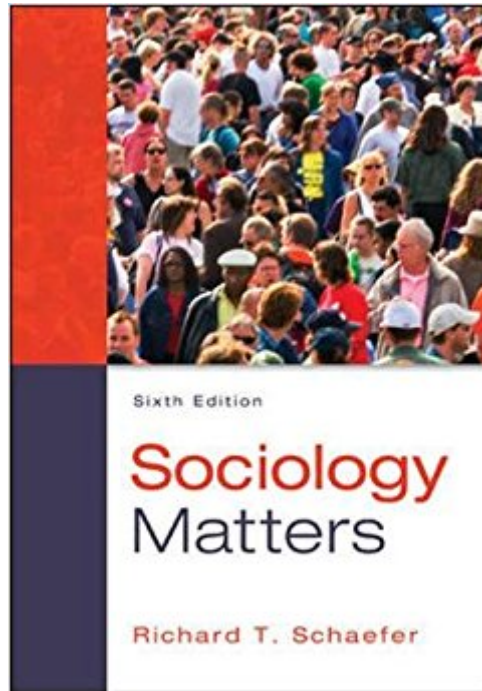




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Growing up in Chicago at a time when neighbourhoods were going through transitions in ethnic and racial composition, Richard T. Schaefer found himself increasingly intrigued by what was

happening, how people were reacting, and how these changes were affecting neighbourhoods and people's jobs. His interest in social issues caused him to gravitate to sociology courses at Northwestern University, where he eventually received a BA in sociology. "Originally as an undergraduate I thought I would go on to law school and become a lawyer. But after taking a few sociology courses, I found myself wanting to learn more about what sociologists studied, and fascinated by the kinds of questions they raised." This fascination led him to obtain his MA and PhD 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. Dr. Schaefer went on to become a professor of sociology and now teaches at DePaul University in Chicago. In 2004 he was named to the Vincent DePaul professorship in recognition of his undergraduate teaching and scholarship. He has taught introductory sociology for over 35 years to students in colleges, adult education programs, nursing programs, and even a maximum-security prison. Dr.

Schaefer's love of teaching is apparent in his interaction with his students. "I find myself constantly learning from the students who are in my classes and from reading what they write. Their insights into the material we read or current events that we discuss often become part of future course material and sometimes even find their way into my writing." Dr. Schaefer is author of the eleventh edition of *Sociology* (McGraw-Hill, 2008) and of the fourth edition of *Sociology Matters* (McGraw-Hill, 2009). He is also the author of *Racial and Ethnic Groups*, now in its eleventh edition, and *Race and Ethnicity in the United States*, fifth edition. Together with William Zellner, he co-authored the eighth edition of *Extraordinary Groups*, published by Worth in 2007. Dr. Schaefer served as the general editor of the three-volume *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, published by Sage in 2008. His articles and book reviews have appeared in many journals, including *American Journal of Sociology*, *Phylon: A Review of Race and Culture*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Sociology and Social Research*, *Sociological Quarterly*, and *Teaching Sociology*. He served as president of the Midwest Sociological Society in 1994-1995. Dr.

Schaefer's advice to students is to "look at the material and make connections to your own life and experiences. Sociology will make you a more attentive observer of how people in groups interact and function. It will also make you more aware of people's different needs and interests and perhaps more ready to work for the common good, while still recognizing the individuality of each person."

Aside from the book being a good book & in perfect/new condition, my review is more about the

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Seller sent it in a reasonable time & it was wrapped well. As for the actual contents of the book (Sociology), I haven't really read it-just skimmed it to get an idea of what the layout of the book is like. Thankfully, it's an online class & I don't have homework every night to do (just prep for tests every Thursday, "open book, of course," according to our instructor, lol!). I do think this will be an interesting subject (I like Psych & I did take Sociology in high school; plus, I do wonder why people are the way they are, & maybe this course will give me answers). I am reading this book as required for class & I am finding this book to be highly informative! I am finding certain aspects of sociology that are fitting to myself & others I know. Even if a person is not in a Sociology class & is looking for something educational to read (yes, people read sociology & psych books for fun!), this is a book I would highly recommend!

Simply a different view, like any other. Not for me, but interesting to familiarize with others views.  
Lawrence Kudlik, Beverly, MA, boston Concesssion

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