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"an informative textbook that undergraduates and postgraduates would benefit from ... It is a definite choice for my reading list." *Janine Spencer, Brunel University, The Times Higher Education Supplement, March 26 2004*

"In this new Introduction to Developmental Psychology richly illustrated chapters cover infancy, childhood, and adolescence in a concise and stimulating way. In the first section of the book, developmental theory and methodology is discussed with special emphasis on the complex nurture-nature transactions shaping the child's development. In a closing section educational and clinical implications of developmental research are presented. Leaders in the field document the tremendous advances made in developmental psychology that now is coming of age. This Introduction is truly international in presenting not only American but also European contributions to developmental science. Undergraduate students are supported in their study of this book by the lists of key-concepts, and the overview with which each chapter starts. Anecdotes about children, graphs of empirical results, pictures of experimental apparatus, and a set of discussion points at the end of each chapter facilitate the students' understanding of developmental achievements. The combined efforts of specialists in their respective fields lead to an Introduction which at the same time is a balanced and comprehensive state-of-the-art of current developmental psychology." *Professor Marinus Van IJzendoorn, Leiden University*

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