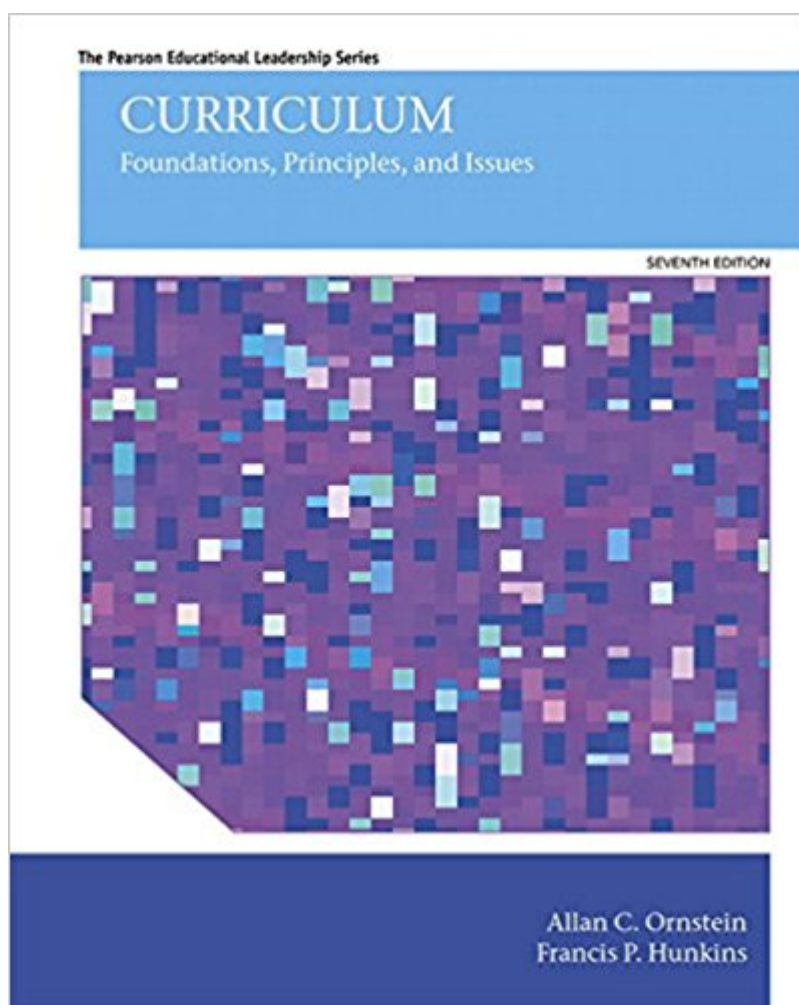


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I rented this textbook as a coursework requirement for one of my Master's courses, and I expected it to be dry and cumbersome. Instead, I found that even though the text is dense, the information this book contains is phenomenal for anyone who wants to know what drives today's educational system. As a professional in the field of working with children with autism, I now have a much greater appreciation for what goes into curriculum. Not only that, but as a parent, I am suddenly completely aware and educated in regards to my kids' school's curriculum initiatives. Before reading this textbook, I felt like I wanted to be involved with my kids' education, but I didn't know how. Now, when the district comes out with announcements on "formative assessments," I know exactly what they're talking about, and I'm keenly interested in knowing how my children are performing against what the assessments say. Plus, when I attend board meetings, the jargon now all makes sense to me. (This, by the way, seems like a travesty to me. Parents should not need to be earning their Master's degrees in order to understand what their school boards are talking about.) Lastly, I mentioned that I rented this textbook. I now want to buy it. I had no idea that I would want to keep a book I originally assumed would be dry and useless. My incredible mistake. This textbook transformed my ability to be involved in my children's public education. Praise the Lord, and I mean that in all sincerity of heart.

I read this book along with Oliva's and it is quite thorough. Other readers would wonder why read both. They kind of cover the same ground. However, I like that Ornstein makes distinctions between philosophies and educational philosophies. This chapter is broader in scope. Likewise, his history on education in America seems to cover a greater ground. There is another chapter on social

background which Oliva does not have. In his discussion on curriculum designs, he includes backward design curriculums, while Oliva doesn't. This is important to me as a reader because I am strongly influenced by backward design, and there are several authors covering this type of design (Erickson, 2003, 2007; and Wiggins & McTighe, 2005). A big distinction between these two books, however, is that Ornstein's tone is critical. Oliva's is objective, as a newsreporter who is describing what is going on. Ornstein's is editorial, as a person who voices his perspective and describes history with a critical eye. I thought that was important to this textbook.

Informative

This is a great book to read summaries of centuries of philosophical thought and how that helped determine what was taught. Now with the Common Core, I wonder how the foundational curriculum material will be presented - or if it will.

Overall a good textbook, however, it is missing many curriculum development topics and is a bit wordy in several areas. It certainly is useful, however, if this is the only curriculum textbook you are using, you will be missing a lot. Given I've taken other courses with other texts, this was fine. Wouldn't really recommend as a student or an educator.

This book serves well as a supplement to some curriculum introductory books. I don't think it's a complete introduction but it is useful as a fast-track introduction.

I'm definitely learning a lot about curriculum design and its approaches and elements. Everything you need to know is right in this book! I would highly recommend it to academics who are seeking administrative leadership in a school district.

If you are an educator, this book offers an interesting overview of curriculum foundations and theory as well as psychological and social implications for today's teachers and learners. It was required reading for my graduate course and now has turned into an excellent reference for the work I do. Veteran educators especially will find the content helpful in understanding what we need to know to offer 21st century learners better school experiences than what is now in place in most U.S. schools.

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