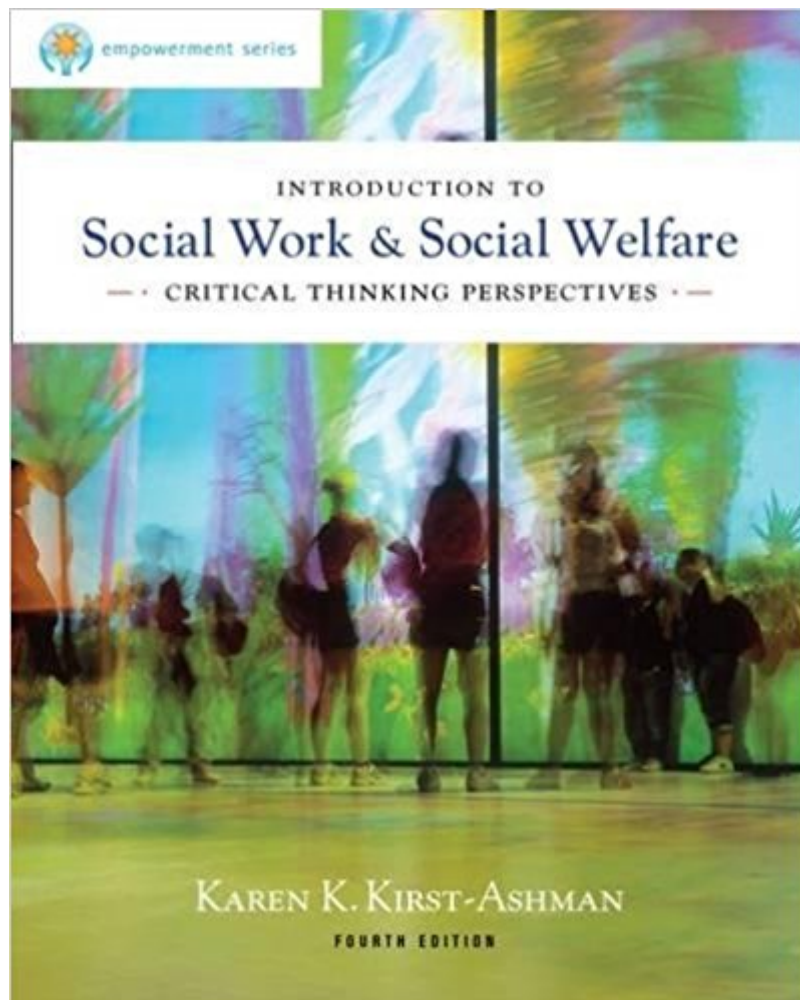




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# Introduction To Social Work & Social Welfare: Critical Thinking Perspectives



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A must read for any Social Work student. I just graduated and rented this book, now I'm kicking myself wishing I had purchased it. Kirst-Ashman does an amazing job writing this book for dealing in the Social Work field. Especially for college students who haven't been exposed to the field yet. I would recommend this for anyone interested in SW or even just wanting to learn more!

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I had to have this book for my Social Work class. This book is not an easy read like others, it also does not list key or vocab words in the side margin, nor in a glossary, which make studying for a test hard especially in an online class. It explained a lot of the NASW Code of Ethics well, but it was boring to read which made getting through the chapters challenging.

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