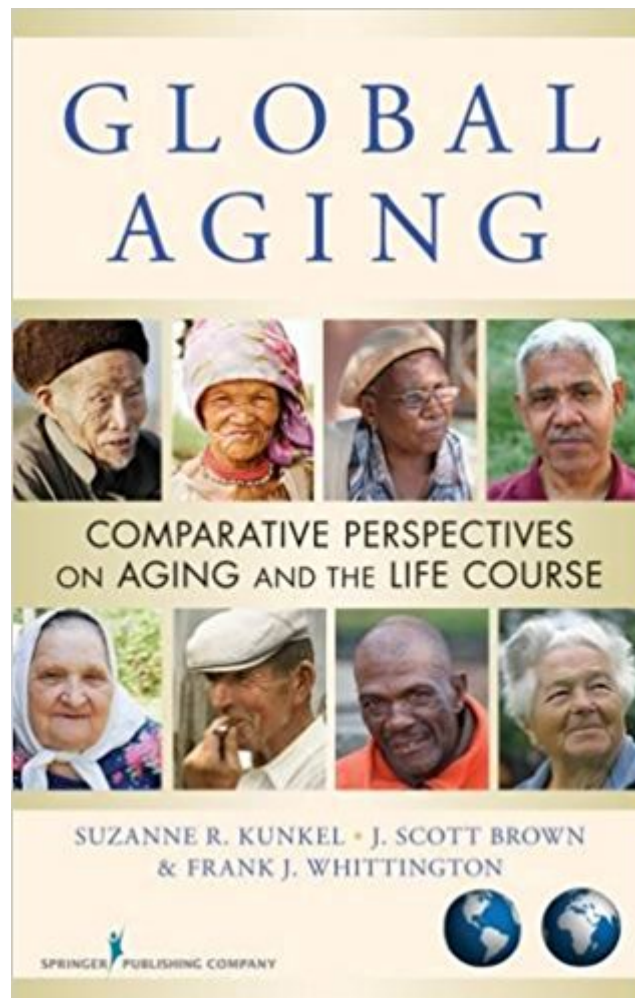




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Synopsis

This book is exemplary in amassing demographic, policy, and sociopsychological data from around the world to refute both premises: that countries' aging is not occurring in developing nations and that aging of the population presents intractable predicaments. The content of the book is rich with current information seldom accumulated into one source. For a scholar of aging studies, the topics are comprehensive, including demographics, political systems, health and long-term care provision, employment/retirement, and formal and informal support systems. Structurally, the book adds value with the inclusion of Web resources and a robust index. The design is conducive for a classroom setting by incorporating discussion questions and key words at the end of each chapter." -- Dr. Carol A. Gosselink, PsycCritiques

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Was required reading for a gerontology course, but pleasant to read, and quite informative, nonetheless. If you have an interest in this area, I highly recommend this book!

It's wonderful!

For class nice multiple small stories

I started using this book in my Global Aging on-line class at the University of Iowa, during the summer 2014. The class is composed mostly of undergraduates, some of whom are working toward a Certificate in Aging Studies (for which this class is a requirement). The chapters define and explain key concepts and conclude with discussion questions and a vocab summary. The book has been well accepted by my students. They also appreciate that it is available in paperback format.

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