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Editorial Review

Review

"... a valuable addition to a practitioner's library... an important resource that will certainly help practitioners use these data to make meaningful interpretations, and to recommend targeted interventions and accommodations." --**Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment**

"*WISC-V Assessment and Interpretation: Scientist-Practitioner Perspectives* is a new book that provides comprehensive and detailed information on the use and interpretation of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children–Fifth Edition (WISC-V; Wechsler, 2014)...The book contains 12 chapters highlighting applied, theoretical, and clinical considerations related to the WISC-V and directions for research. Consistent with its title, the book provides practical resources for professionals regarding administration and interpretation of the WISC-V..."

The authors offer insightful recommendations for best practices in cognitive assessment. Generally, the layout of the book is clear, concise, and written with a diverse audience in mind. In addition, the use of figures and tables throughout each chapter also helps enhance overall readability.

One particular area of strength in this book is the consistent use of examples and analogies to help deepen the understanding of complex concepts...The book also offers several features that may be particularly useful for less experienced professionals, such as the inclusion of a "Frequently Asked Questions" section, lists of interventions and accommodations recommended for specific areas of deficit/strength, and the inclusion of general and specific administration and scoring guidelines that are likely useful for student readers, new professionals, and those who are unfamiliar with the WISC-V. It can also be a handy resource in academic settings as a tool in the

instruction of effective and appropriate cognitive assessment of children with diverse needs. The book also contains plenty of useful information for more experienced professionals, such as descriptions of each new WISC-V subtest and the appendix outlining major differences between the WISC-IV and WISC-V. The chapters are well organized and are written to be accessible to both students and seasoned clinicians. Another helpful feature of the book is the frequent suggestions of additional resources in situations where more extensive coverage of a particular topic may be desired. In addition, the inclusion and frequent reference to recently published literature is another strength. Given that the WISC-V was published fairly recently, this book is both timely and relevant, and it is the only resource on the WISC-V to date..."

Taken together, this book provides readers with superior recommendations for best practice in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the WISC-V. Based on the quality of information presented in this book, it is surely to be a valuable resource for a wide range of professionals using the WISC-V in professional practice." --**Reviewed by Adam W. McCrimmon and Keely A. Murphy, University of Calgary for Canadian Journal of School Psychology**

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