

## Template for InSight book reviews

Thank you for considering writing a book review for InSight. Our readers appreciate being kept informed about the latest books that are of particular interest to art therapists and allied health professionals through critical book reviews.

To ensure that the book reviews we publish maintain a consistent standard and format please use the following template for your review.

### Author photos:

Please provide a head shot photo of each author and title with name, profession & country

### Title

- Please include the title of the book, the authors names, the publisher, and the date of publication.

### Photograph of the Book

- Please attach a photograph of the front cover of the book to your email when sending in your submission. Photographs must only include the cover of the book, and be at least 1 MB in size with 300+ dpi resolution.

### Photograph of yourself, as author of the book review

- Please attach a photograph of yourself to your email when sending in your submission. This must be titled with your name, profession & country. Photographs should be a headshot only and be at least 1 MB in size with 300+ dpi resolution.

### Word Count

- Book reviews should be between 800 and 1,200 words in length.

### Writing your review

- Before you begin writing your review - read the whole book, including the Forward, Introduction etc, and take notes in your own words including the page numbers, as you may want to revisit chapters or sections you have noted down in order to expand the descriptions/arguments.
- As you read the book, think critically about it and note down any strengths and weaknesses you notice.
- Don't simply summarise the book!

- Write your review using everyday English Language, and explain any terminology or acronyms used.

When you write your review, please include the following sections in the following order (but you do not need to include the actual headings):

### **Introduction**

- Open with a general description of the main issue or topic addressed in the book.
- Include some basic biographical information about the author/editor of the book, (e.g. who they are, what they are known for, qualifications and expertise in the field).
- How is the book organised?

### **Summary of main arguments**

- What are the central questions/arguments or issues raised in the book?
- Directly quote any identifiable thesis statement, and state what kind of evidence is offered to support this, and any research methods used if applicable?
- How does this book help the reader understand a particular intervention/issue/client group?

### **Strengths, Contributions & weaknesses**

- What are the main strengths of the book?
- What overall contribution does the book add to knowledge in the field?
- How is this book different from other books already written on the topic?
- Have you identified any weaknesses? (e.g. what is missing, or could have been included or expanded upon?).
- Does the book fully answer the main questions/arguments or issues raised in the book?
- Use reasoned judgements (rather than personal opinions) in order to inform your arguments and provide specific evidence referenced from the book to illustrate your answers.

### **Conclusion**

- Include a concluding statement that summarizes your review of the book.
- Identify who would benefit from reading the book.
- Highlight and reference other sources of reliable information that readers can find on the same subject.
- Provide a link to the publisher's website where the book is for sale. (Please do not use links to online commercial outlets).

We look forward to receiving your review!