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The role of the family as an emotional unit that governs individual behavior and development.

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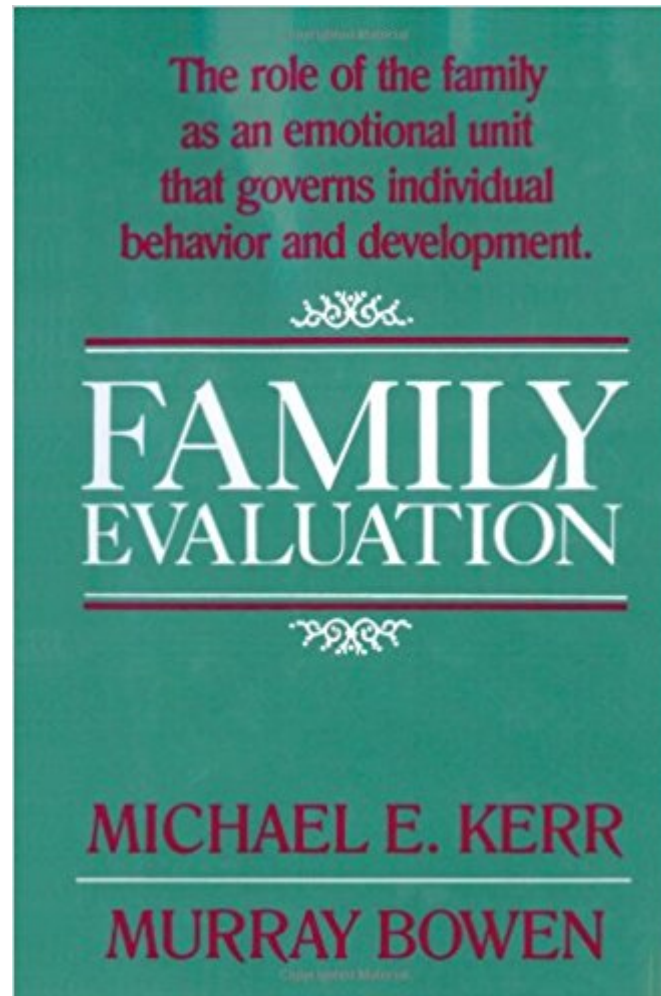
Synopsis

The concepts of Murray Bowen, one of the founders of family therapy and the originator of family systems theory, are brought together here in an integrative fashion. Michael Kerr (who worked with Bowen for many years) and Bowen propose that the enormously complex task of evaluating a clinical family can be orderly when it is grounded in family systems theory. Using family diagrams and case studies, the book is devoted to an elegant explication of Bowen theory, which analyzes multigenerational family relationships and conceptualizes the family as an emotional unit or as a network of interlocking relationships, not only among the family members, but also among biological, psychological, and sociological processes. Bowenâ ™s persistent inquiry and devotion to family observation, in spite of obstacles and frustrations, have resulted in a theory that has radically changed our ways of looking at all behavior.

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Of all the theories of human behavior and therapy, this one is the closest to Science that I know. The book is based on Bowen's 50+ years of study of individuals and families. In it, he demonstrates

a very clear connection between his observations and the vast amount of science he studied to piece together a coherent understanding of how we get to be who we are and how to apply this knowledge to oneself and to our families. Bowen was a genius at exploring the complexities of relationships; Kerr is probably as good or better in explaining the concepts. Together this is "the book" for serious inquiry, and certainly should be required reading for anyone who takes on the title of "Therapist" or "Coach".

Excellent book and numerous examples of Bowen Family Therapy Systems Therapy which every Mental Health Profession should have in their Library. Specifically, the author Michael E. Kerr was a Psychiatrist at Georgetown who had the opportunity to work with Murray Bowen the founder of this Therapy and one of the giants in the Family Therapy field.Especially like the chapter on Differentiation and how couple can take on various roles and anxiety symptoms .Nestor Mantilla

Not my favorite book on this subject, but was still useful. I've kept it for my library, so perhaps I'll use it again in future.

Classic. I was assigned readings for undergraduates courses in 1992 and sold the book back to the university. I had to buy the book again for my graduate social work coursework. This time I am keeping it!

I have read and been involved with Bowen theory for over 30 yrs. Somehow I missed this book. Having Mike Kerr an Murray Bowen in "dialogue" is a helpful book in looking at how Mike puts Bowen Theory to wok.

This text is great to increase overall awareness of family dynamics to clinicians and families. I highly reccommend it on a professional and personal level.

Very happy with this book

this is pretty much the most comprehensive bowen theory book ever. filled with great information. concise writing and useful diagrams.

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