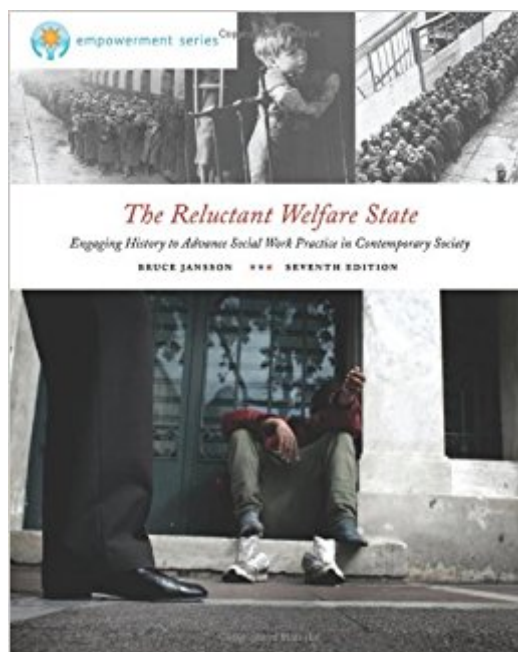




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# The Reluctant Welfare State: Engaging History To Advance Social Work Practice In Contemporary Society



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education, and civil rights. The other analyzes why the United States has not significantly reduced health disparities in the last five decades, and whether the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 will achieve this result.

At first I really enjoyed the book, it was assigned as a social work program textbook, then things went horribly awry. The authors seemed to change, and the tone of language changed and became full of slang and hate. Non-supported and incorrect facts began to be thrown about, whole paragraphs were repeated word for word about different presidents in the different chapters, and positive reforms and programs created by presidents they clearly hated were conveniently left out. Once you get past the chapter on Roosevelt and Social Security don't bother, Google will teach you more accurate information!

as expected.

Great book that fulfilled my class requirements and resourceful for my academic and career pursuits

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