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Review

"This user-friendly text is a valuable addition to the area of research on the multi-dimensionality of alcoholism....Useful for clinicians, researchers, students, families, and individuals."

(Criminal Justice Review 2002-08-21)

"[The authors] present a well-developed model of alcoholism recovery, refined through their many years of clinical experience with alcoholic families and adult children of alcoholics, and they illustrate its implications for therapeutic strategies with a rich variety of case histories....This very careful and comprehensive exposition of the developmental model of recovery and its application to clinical situations should be useful and instructive for therapists and clinical students."

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"Well organized and clearly written....The strength of this book lies in the authors' stating early and often their biases and beliefs regarding alcoholism and the path of family recovery....The fact that they based this book on the findings of a research project and not just their own clinical experience is refreshing....Brown and Lewis wrote this book with therapists in mind....They clearly point out the role for therapists and the tasks at each phase of the recovery process."

(Journal of Family Psychotherapy 2002-08-21)

From the Back Cover

A major contribution....For years, there has been talk of the family disease' without a comprehensive model for family treatment. Brown and Lewis now provide a clear, concise, accessible, clinically sound, theoretically based, and much-needed map for working with families (Stephanie Covington, PhD, LCSW, author of *A Woman's Way Through the Twelve Steps*)

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