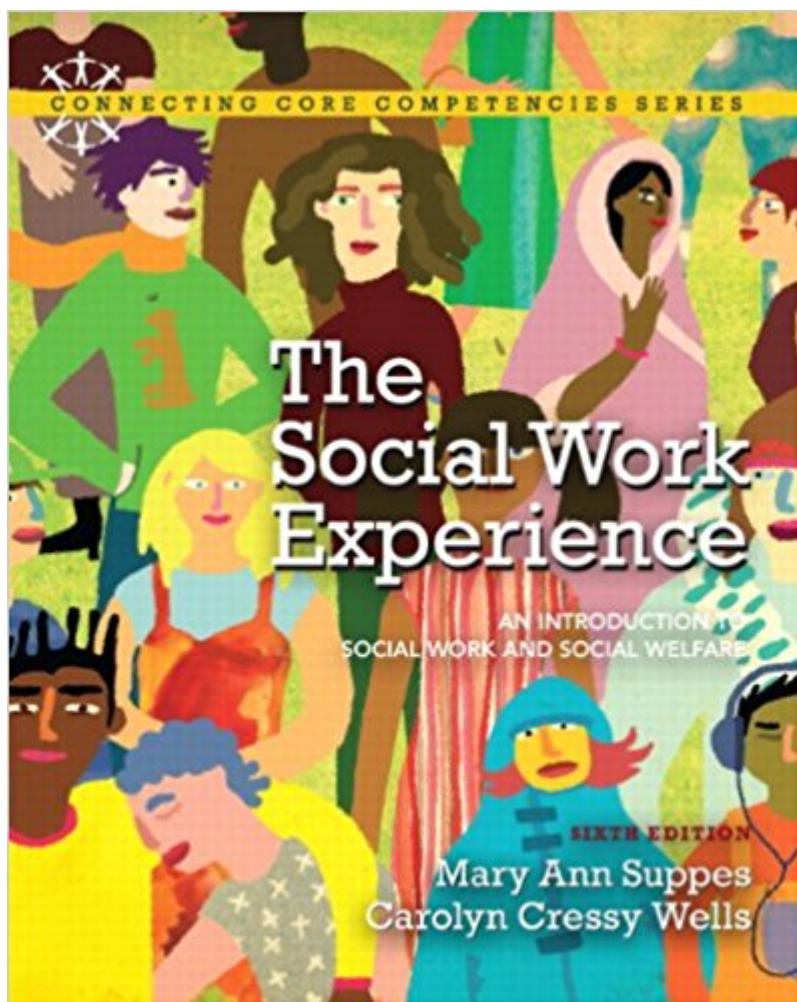


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# The Social Work Experience: An Introduction To Social Work And Social Welfare (6th Edition) (Connecting Core Competencies)



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This was purchased for my Social Work class. The book itself looks a little boring. Its black and white all throughout, no pictures inside and certainly not as colorful as the outside is, but is packed with lots and lots of understandable useful information. The case studies are awesome and an interesting introduction to every chapter which encourages you to want to read further. Not a bad book to study especially if its required. Hope this helps!

This book arrived with the cover almost torn off and it was badly damaged.

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