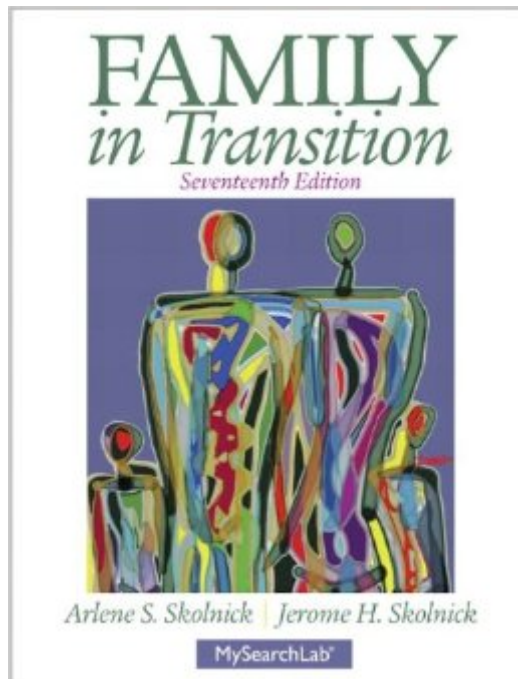


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I have been out of college for many years now but this text was loaned to me by a Sociology major after we had some interesting discussions about family issues, and despite this being a textbook, it was a pleasant surprise to enjoy reading it. I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning about the current issues of families in America and all the factors that affect the existence of a family; basically, the evolution of the "family" unit in the United States over the past few decades with a focus on recent years. Current trends in American family life are discussed in a scholarly manner along with some debunking of popular myths about families. Excellent and for the most part easy-to-read text on the status of today's families, esp. with articles about the impact of class, race, educational level, socio-economic status and our aging population on what defines a family at this time (2008-2009). Issues such as our longer lifespans are discussed as far as how it potentially means longer years in marriage and time alone together after the children have become independent, but it is also just as likely that couples may have their elderly parents to take care of, and/or adult children returning home due to the recent changes in the economy. The text also discusses the shift in the preferences of men and women away from marriage/family as an economic necessity and instead more about psychological fulfillment and building lifelong relationships within the family. Changes in technology and a shift towards a service and information economy enable more jobs for women and can even allow for both men and women to work from

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