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Review

Nancy Riedel Bowers's edited text brings together an interesting combination of authors around the central theme of the relationship between play and family life. Starting with an overview of the many faces of the family throughout the world, the book explores the way in which play can act as a therapeutic agent when things go wrong. Two classic models, theraplay and filial play, are explored alongside the introduction of collaborative play therapy. This new approach combines genograms, timelines, and ecomaps with all that is creative in a child's life to activate our natural healing potential. This book will stimulate and challenge the reader in equal measure.

(Fraser Brown, PhD, Leeds Metropolitan University)

Play Therapy with Families: A Collaborative Approach to Healing is lucid and fascinating. The contributors to this book write with clarity and vividness. This volume not only benefits professionals, but also parents and communities. (Wood C. W. Woo, MASW, family therapy, Hong Kong)

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