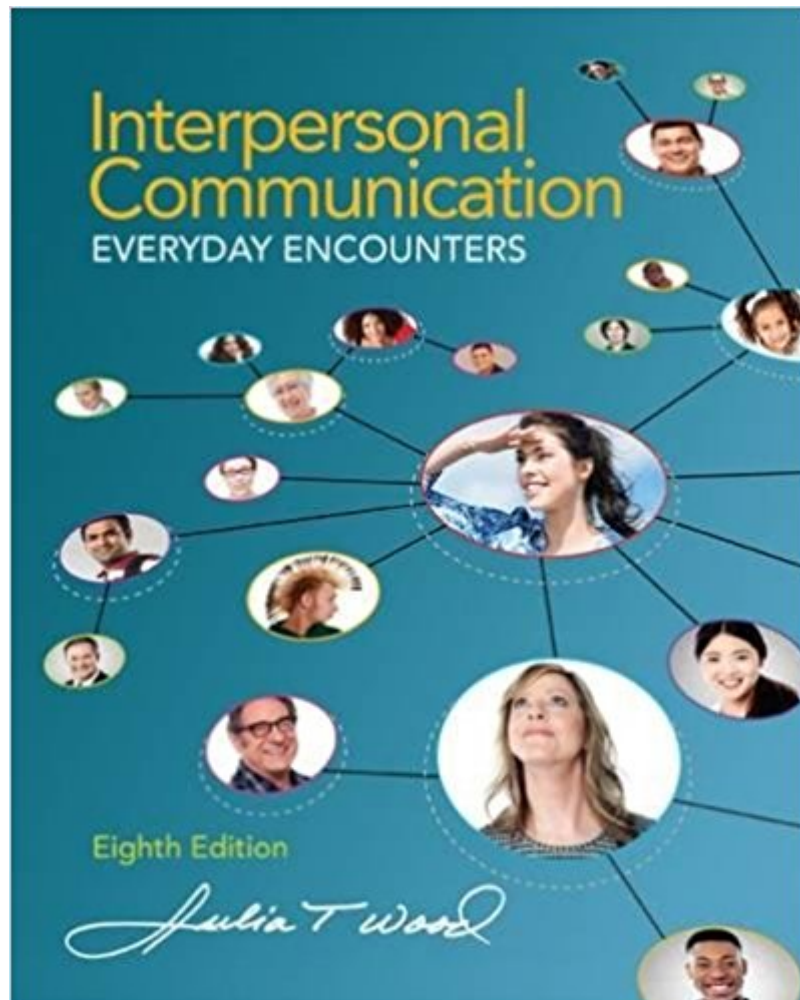




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# Interpersonal Communication: Everyday Encounters



## Synopsis

Helping you find your voice, *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION: EVERYDAY ENCOUNTERS*, 8e helps you build the skills you need to become a more effective communicator. Award-winning author Julia T. Wood incorporates the latest communication research as she presents a pragmatic introduction to the concepts, principles, and skills of interpersonal communication. Reflecting her expertise in gender and social diversity, the book offers unparalleled emphasis on diversity. It also provides comprehensive coverage of the influence of social media and thorough discussions of the ethical challenges and choices that affect interpersonal communication. In addition, it covers such timely issues as emotional intelligence and forgiveness, interracial relationships, safe sex, ways to deal with abuse from intimates, race-related differences between conflict styles, and the power of language.

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## Customer Reviews

"I think the approach taken by the textbook is a good combination of communication theory and practical application of interpersonal communication principles. This makes the text easy to read and provides great examples and exercises to practice the concepts discussed so that students learn how to adapt their communication skills. The instructor supplements also provide everything an instructor needs to develop and maintain their interpersonal communication course." "I think the approach to this book is conversational and theoretical, which enables students to clearly understand concepts while making them real to their everyday lives. This is what I want my students to do, which is why I chose to use this textbook. The previous book was too academic and dry and

lacked the ability to give the concepts richness and usefulness." "The text breaks down a complicated subject into specific digestible chunks and teaches to competencies in those chunks. I think that this text does a great job with organization. This is a book I can take in order. It is a book that makes sense." "Julia Wood has quite a reputation so those who know her work might be tempted to adopt the book based on that alone. I also think people will appreciate Ms. Wood's open and honest approach. Her book is approachable and engaging and provides a very solid introduction to interpersonal communication that differs from other textbooks on the same topic."

Julia T. Wood is the Lineberger Distinguished Professor of Humanities Emerita at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She joined the university at the age of 24. While on the faculty, she was named the Lineberger Distinguished Professor of Humanities and the Caroline H. and Thomas S. Royster Distinguished Professor of Graduate Education. The author of 17 books, she has edited 10 other books, published more than 100 articles and book chapters and presented numerous papers at professional conferences. In addition, her honors include 12 awards for undergraduate teaching and 15 awards for her scholarship.

I generally don't comment much on textbooks because most are pretty formulaic and don't offer much in the way of engaging text. Woods' "Interpersonal Communication: Everyday..." is an exception. Woods does a good job of explaining introductory communication concepts and terminology but, more than that, she also provides excellent context for readers to gain better insight into application of these terms and concepts to more than just a surface level. As an introductory text, a student (and professor) could do much worse than this by Woods. Even if a person just wants to learn a bit more but not get the usual, hokey and formulaic overview of interpersonal communication, this book is an excellent choice, assuming it can be had as a used book at a much lower price. The one drawback, and I don't know that it really is that much of one, is that in a couple of places it seemed there was not quite as much treatment of a topic as I might have liked. This, however, is likely due to the fact that this is an introductory text rather than an in-depth treatment of the larger subject matter. Incidentally, I have used this book at various times in my personal life when I encountered difficulty communicating with another person. As a reference guide, it helps me come up with ideas to work on and get past difficult (or sensitive) communication issues. Thus, I guess for me at least, it is a text that works well both in and out of the classroom setting. THAT is what text should do for its readers.

Renting books was a WIN! We had plenty of time to use the book as needed, quality was exactly as described when we received the book and the return process was a piece of cake! WINNING!!!!

It was just released so I was hoping to be able to re-sell it but of course it came in loose-leaf so there's no chance of that happening. The content is good but pretty much the same so you can probably get away with buying an older edition.

not terrible for a mandatory textbook!

This book is a good read it is informative and kept me interested in the topics being discussed.  
Great read

I got this textbook for my Interpersonal Communication class this semester as it's required. The book came in brand new and very quickly. It's really helpful to read and look over everything as it explains everything detail to detail.

Great and useful book

Rented this book for a class I was taking overall great quality book and very easy to understand.

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