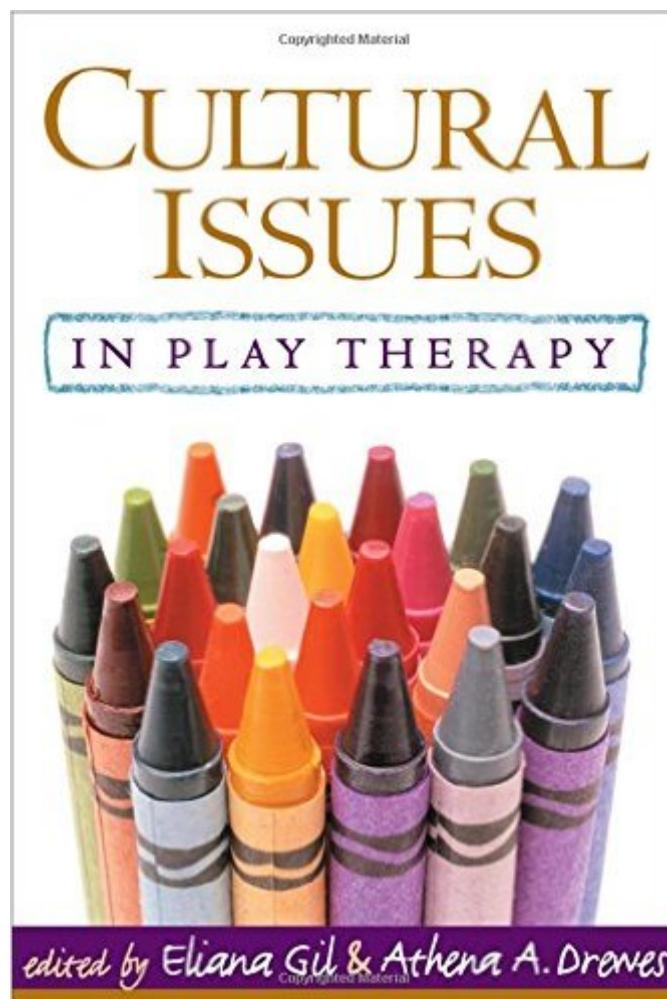


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# Cultural Issues In Play Therapy



## **Synopsis**

Helping therapists hone their skills for working with diverse children and families, this unique volume looks at play therapy through a multicultural lens. Experienced practitioners examine how cultural factors may influence the ways children express themselves through play, the feelings they associate with different activities, and the responses of children and parents to particular interventions. Filled with evocative clinical material, chapters highlight specific issues to consider when working with African American, Latino, Native American, and Asian American children. The book also provides suggestions for setting up a therapeutic playroom that is engaging and welcoming to all.

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Eliana Gil has done her usual wonderful job of bringing to the forefront all those diverse issues that are necessary for a Clinical Therapist to realize when working with different cultures - in addressing the arena of play therapy through a cultural lens Eliana has again helped us to ponder necessary issues. A book worth getting and referring to again and again.

I bought this book for an upcoming conference, featuring Eliana Gil. During my undergraduate studies, I spent a year interning with a play therapy clinic, studying play therapy across a variety of cultures and settings. Later in my graduate program, I focused my studies learning how culture affects all aspects when working with children and their families. Personally, I am a HUGE fan of

Eliana Gil and own most of her books in my personal collection. After hearing Eliana speak and reading this book, I cannot express the importance of culture and how much culture affects every aspect of our lives. This book really hones in on that aspect as well as discussing the cultural issues that can arise in play therapy. Eliana offers several perspectives of how culture impacts work with families in play therapy as well as several views on how to help reduce these issues. I feel that reading this book will help anyone working with families, **ESPECIALLY** in a play therapy setting, to realize the importance of culture and how to reduce cultural issues with these families. This is a **MUST HAVE** for any clinician or student of play therapy! Very valuable resource!!

This book was recommended to me by my professor in a class for Trauma and Crisis Intervention. It far exceeded my expectations in most ways. The four usual cultural groups were covered but there are minorities in the United States that are never mentioned in any of the literature, and this was no exception. I guess that to be considered a minority, the group must have other attributions than being a minority by percentage in the United States. Someday, I would like to see groups other than Latinos, African Americans, Asians, and Pacific Islanders included in the mixture of what a minority is. That would be true cultural sensitivity and diversity! Nevertheless, this is a terrific book which every serious therapist who deals with children should have.

I had to buy this book for my play therapy class, but it has been an interesting read and gives a lot of insight into how culture affects play therapy and how professionals should be culturally competent.

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