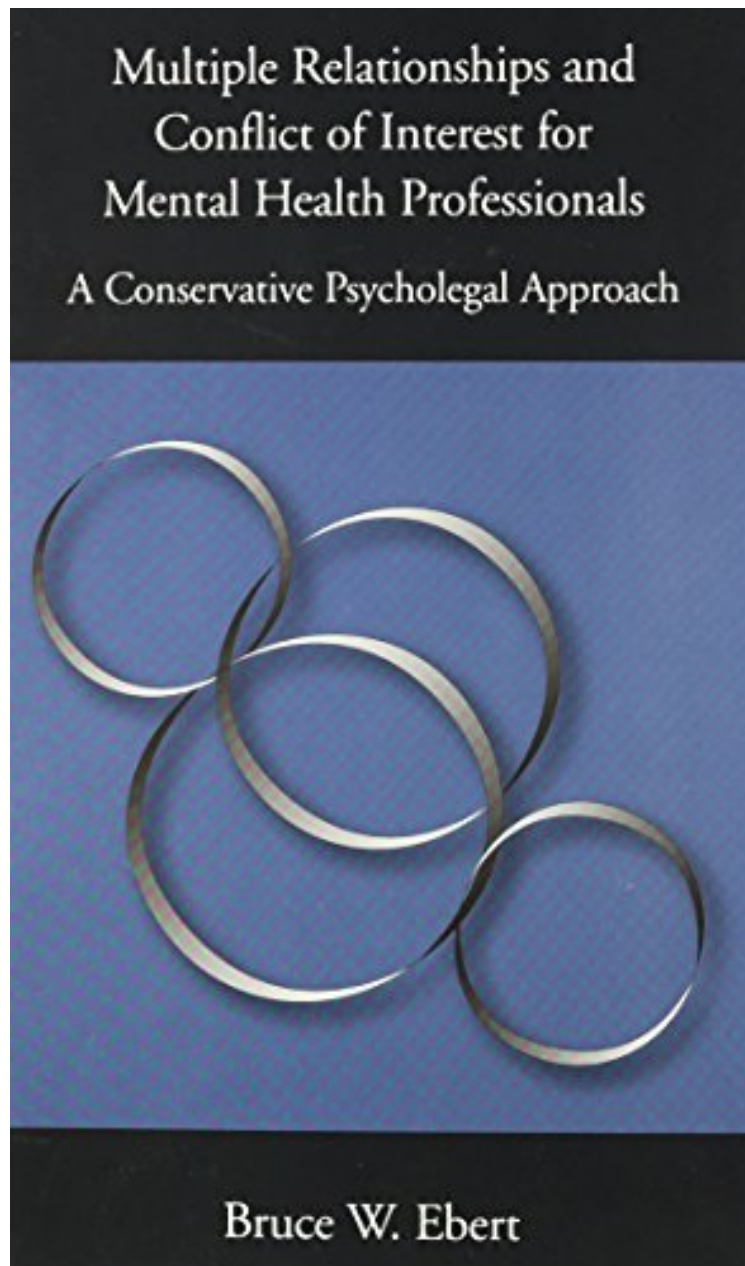


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Multiple Relationships And Conflicts of Interest for Mental Health Professionals: A Conservative Psycholegal Approach*:

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By D. Reinstein  
When ethical violations are alleged in the practice of providing psychotherapy - more often than not, they involve breaches in what are commonly called "boundaries." These are areas where, due to the special nature of the therapeutic relationship, multiple relationships that would be perfectly acceptable, though at times perhaps confusing, in just about any other type of relationship would be OK - but in the context of the professional helping relationship are not. This book focuses, exclusively, on those issues. I have chosen to review it here rather than in a more traditional professional venue because I believe that getting good therapy is a genuinely consumer-driven activity. That, to be successful, it requires a good feeling of 'fit' between therapist and client as well as clarity of goals AND a good understanding on the part of the client as well as that of the therapist, about what is OK and what is not. So, though written for professional consumption, this is a clearly written, brief (174 pages plus References and Indexes) book that would advantage and inform any literate consumer of psychotherapy services - especially if they have questions or reservations about what seems to be going on in that special relationship. That is to say, the client should be as informed as is the professional about the appropriate nature and boundaries considered professionally appropriate in their working relationship - and why. The psychotherapy relationship is different than most/all other human relationships. It is NOT reciprocal - both persons are in the room to try to help ONE of them. It is NOT social, sexual or casual. It is NOT a friendship. It IS a formally, deliberately and purposefully contracted relationship between two people - one of whom is seeking help and the other who agrees to try to help him/her. A Multiple Relationship is one in which the therapist-client relationship is somehow broadened to include aspects of other types of relationships - personal or professional. The author, Bruce Ebert, does a nice job of explaining the most common pitfalls that can lead to problems including everything from clients not getting the help they needed to malpractice liability on the part of the therapist. The book is neatly organized into chapters, each of which highlights, by articulating clear Rules and Reasons, and presents schematic outlines that further help the reader understand the choices that must be made to protect the integrity of an appropriate helping relationship. It articulates the key issues that it behooves every therapist - and, yes, every client/patient to be aware of. Boundary issues are complex. When a person trusts another person and relies on their empathic response, helpful reactions and caring presence - there is a natural tendency for that relationship to grow. Acquaintances can become friends or business associates; friends can become intimates and lovers; contacts begun as professional, can become far more personal than that, and while the activity of therapy is certainly 'personal', it is bounded by requirements and limitations that protect the integrity of its intent and effectiveness. Most of the chapter titles are self-explanatory and include:  
1. Multiple Relationships and Their Consequences For Mental Health Professionals  
2. Analysis of Multiple Relationship Issues  
3. Determining Which Multiple Relationships Are a Problem  
4. Sex With Clients  
5. Sex With Former Therapy Clients  
6. Sex and Other Multiple Relationships With Students and Supervisees  
7. Social Contact With Clients  
8. Insider Trading and Use of Other Information Gained in the Course of Providing Professional Services  
9. Employment of Clients  
10. Working Couples  
11. Treating Multiple Members of a Family and Other Related Issues  
12. Forensic Multiple Relationships  
Data is reported for both Clinical Psychologists and Clinical Social Workers and ethical guidelines are briefly reviewed for each group. Some of the language varies - but, in essence, the guidelines are more the same than they are different. So: If you are a working psychotherapist, this book is an excellent review of boundary issues and requirements. If you are a client or potential client, you will be more fully informed by knowing what therapy is NOT before entering into it. There is something between the covers for both groups. The closing line of Mr. Ebert's preface summarizes the need and reality nicely when he says, " Throughout this book, the reader will learn the central idea that ethical practice is based upon a commitment to virtue which is applied to all aspects of professional practice."

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