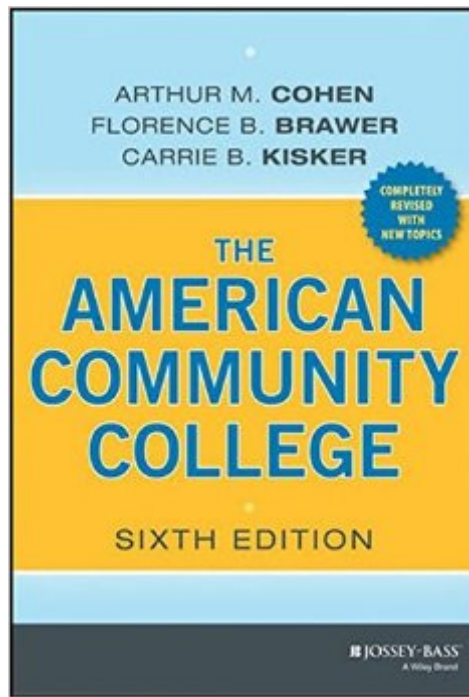


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This was a book that was filled with amazing resources for anyone that works, wishes to work, or is interested in the American Community College. While I have worked in community colleges in the past this was a fascinating book that really explored all aspects of education at this level as well as the struggles and future implications for this level of education too. I see this book as something that anyone going into work in higher education should read and understand. With so many students studying at this level, it is important that all student affairs professionals understand the needs of these students as well as the history and function of community colleges in higher education today. While community colleges are constantly changing, the book does a great job at looking at their niche area currently and where it is headed as we move quickly toward the future. The book was an easy read and will give any higher education professional a wonderful foundation into Community Colleges in general! *I received this for review - all opinions are my own*

It is unfortunate that this book is so popular among instructor's teaching a course on the US community college. The authors' express a bias in their tonality throughout the book. This comes in various forms throughout the book. For example, they insert these little judgmental comments after statements that seemingly they disagree with as if in an attempt to discredit the source. This went way too far for me on page 368 of this edition: They did not see anything wrong with using the word "hagiographers" to describe social science researchers whom presents alternative views to the conception and purpose of the U.S.-American community college. In other words, if a concept, idea, or actual research goes against their views, the authors have no qualms interjecting immature comments. Sure, it is fine to express opposing viewpoints or feelings. But this isn't a blog. This is (suppose to be) a TEXTBOOK. And in case they still haven't received the memo: filling paragraphs with rhetorical questions is quite annoying and fruitless. Please, someone out there write another book on the U.S. American community college system to replace this one.

I used this book in one of my masters degree classes, I passed with "A". Happy with this vendor, the book arrived earlier than expected and new. Highly recommend this vendor. Rochelle Miller

This book has been used for graduate level courses in education for over 30 years - yet its content and organization are also accessible to the interested layperson. Only recently brought into a

national spotlight, community colleges serve nearly half of all public college undergraduates - this is the book you need to understand the history, functions and future of these pivotal institutions. PS The one star review appears to be rating delivery time rather than the book itself. Get a grip, Jorge!

I am working through an independent study course on two-year institutions with a focus on student retention efforts and the employment of adjunct faculty members. The American Community College provides an in depth review of key topics relating to community colleges while providing examples of policies, changes in direction, funding plans, and a look towards the future. Each chapter was organized in an easy to read consistent fashion that allowed a topic to be introduced, dissected, made relevant by supporting research, and a look to continuing issues. The reader will come out of the experience with an understanding on two-year institutions that will allow them to thoughtfully contribute to a round table conversation.

Such odd points of view/personal opinions introduced into the reading by the authors. It is also SUCH DRY READING. Come on, the history of community colleges and their structures can be worth learning about, but I feel like sleep is impending every time I try and read this. UGH

This book really opens your mind to many things regarding our community colleges. I've not yet gotten very far into it, but thus far I have been impressed with it's coverage of the community college role in our ever-changing society. I will look forward to working my way through this book and enjoy the anticipation of understanding more about community colleges and the impact they make on our lives.

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