Principles-based Counselling and Psychotherapy A Method Of Levels Approach

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"This new book from Carey, Mansell and Tai is a refreshing reading. My enthusiasm with this new perspective is that central features of MOL approach are important bridges between several methods of therapy, from cognitive-behavior, to constructivist and process-oriented, to experiential therapies. Therapists focus in understanding clients' meaningmaking processes, center in clients' distress (not in their symptoms), emphasize the therapeutic relationship, conceive clients as experts into their own lives, and highlight the therapeutic power of each individual session. A must read for all psychotherapists, both experienced and trainees."

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"This book notes in its introduction that it hopes to intrigue, challenge and excite the reader. In a refreshing text, which slices therapeutic work in a novel direction by advocating a principles-based approach, it certainly achieved these goals for me."

Terry Hanley, Director of the Doctorate in Counselling Psychology at the University of Manchester, UK

"Carey, Mansell, and Tai lay out a set of principles that will help you cut through the morass of conflicting therapeutic techniques and approaches and deliver more effective and consumer-friendly treatment."

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"Carey, Mansell, and Tai provide a compelling description and argument for principle-based counselling. They demonstrate the wisdom of focusing on principles over techniques. They explain the dynamics of change and why profound changes can occur in a just a few or even a single session. A very provocative and wise book."

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