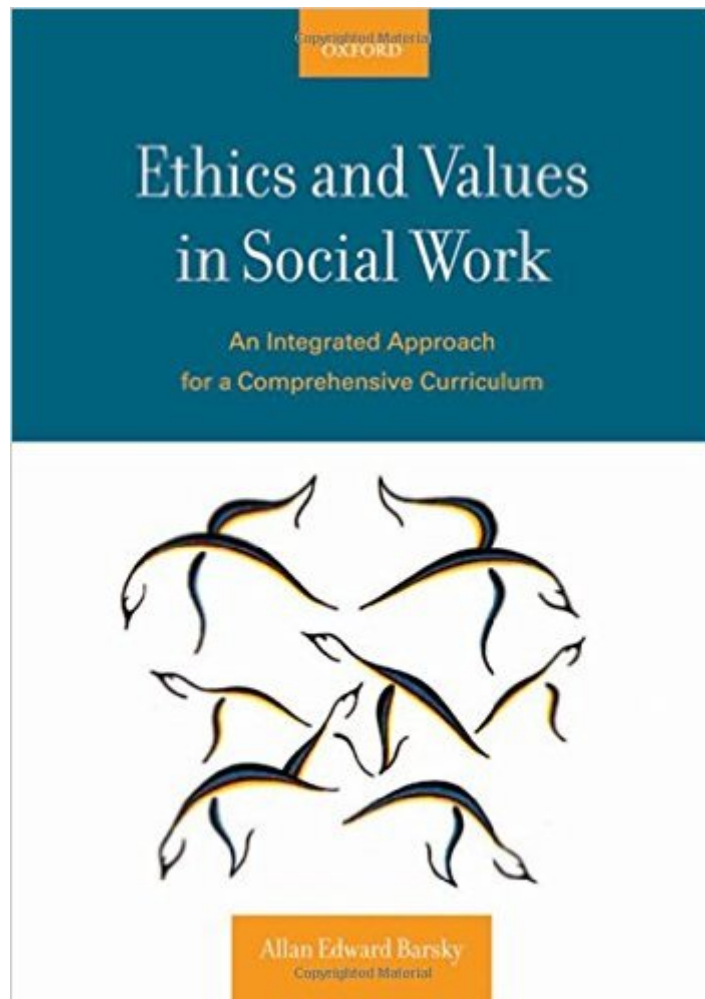


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Over a 40-year career in the human services, I became acutely aware of the relevance of ethical behavior on the part of human services workers - whether during my time as a psychiatric hospital volunteer while in college, followed by time spent as a licensed master's-level social worker, or ending with decades spent teaching at 4 universities. I always had an "ethics component" in all my courses -- in some institutions whole courses were devoted to the subject. Over the decades, as the for-profit, entrepreneurial sector made significant in-roads into what were traditionally not-for-profit services, I saw a change in the attitudes of many entering students, and a focus in textbooks and in agency practice toward adopting the for-profit ethos and operational modalities as a matter of "survival". The bottom-line became increasingly a priority highly-valued and influential at all levels of decision-making unfortunately, sometimes to the detriment of the quality of services and their ethical delivery, in my view. It is thus with some pleasure that I appreciate the new textbook by Dr. Allan Edward Barsky. From the start(literally) - the inside front cover, students are presented with a "Framework for Managing Ethical Issues" which is a tip-off that the volume is written in student-friendly language, and covers ethical issues in a comprehensive manner -- including their impact on risk management, on resolving conflict, distinctions between "the ethical" and "the legal", and a host of other issues which impact the intersection of ethics and values in social work (and the other human services as well).

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