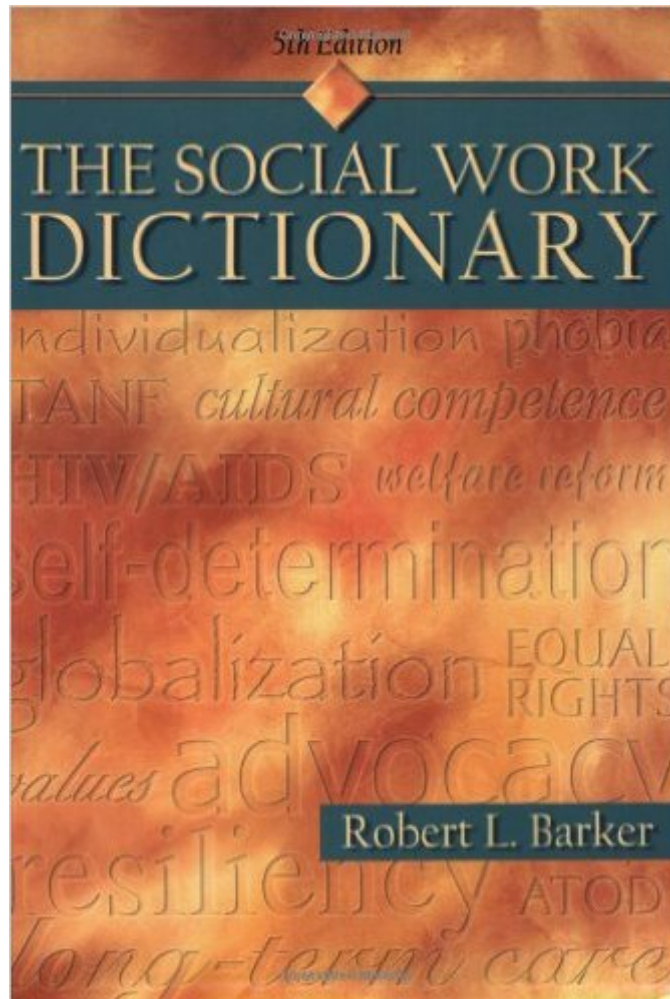


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# The Social Work Dictionary, 5th Edition



## Synopsis

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I ordered this book to help me study for the ASWB Master's exam as I was taking it many years after finishing school. It was very helpful in refreshing my memory regarding many social work terms and concepts. I would imagine that it helped me answer 5-10 questions correctly. This book will not teach the reader anything about social work practice or help in building social work skills but will serve as a useful reference guide.

This is, by far, the best single resource that I know of for professional social workers. I was taught by Dr. Barker when I earned my MSW, and well remember his handouts of definitions, which were the genesis of this project. Barker has done an excellent job of gathering together terms and figures of note to the entire profession. Social workers who adhere to the more traditional aspects of our profession (a la Jane Addams) as well as those who have branched off into the therapist profession, will find much of value in this book.

I have the 1987 version of this author's Social Work Dictionary; everyone wanted to see it, and know where I got it from. Wait until they see the 7th edition! This book is packed full of insight and wisdom. No Social Work student, such as myself, should be caught without it. This dictionary has helped me out of so many corners of difficulty while reading my textbooks and with take-home test. Thumbs Up! Social Work student's bible. Great resource.

This is a great book. I bought it to help study for the licensure exam though. Unless you like to "read" definitions (tons of them), in my opinion it's probably not a good study guide. I believe it is a good book to have handy at work if you ever need to look up something you are not familiar with or brush up on something. Every social worker would benefit from it.

I ordered "The Social Work Dictionary" and was pleasantly surprised to find that in spite of the title it provides graphic definitions. It has been invaluable in and out of class. I wish I had ordered it as freshman.

Yes... call me a nerd, but I actually read the Social Work Dictionary prior to taking my licensure exam. I learned so much about addictions, crisis intervention, and many essential components of quality social work. This easy-to-understand reference work is a must for home and office. Thank you, Mr. Barker for this gift to the profession.

This book was helpful in reviewing for the LCSW exam. Several of the terms on my practice tests were out of my field of practice or I had forgotten. This book gave a quick definition for most of those terms.

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