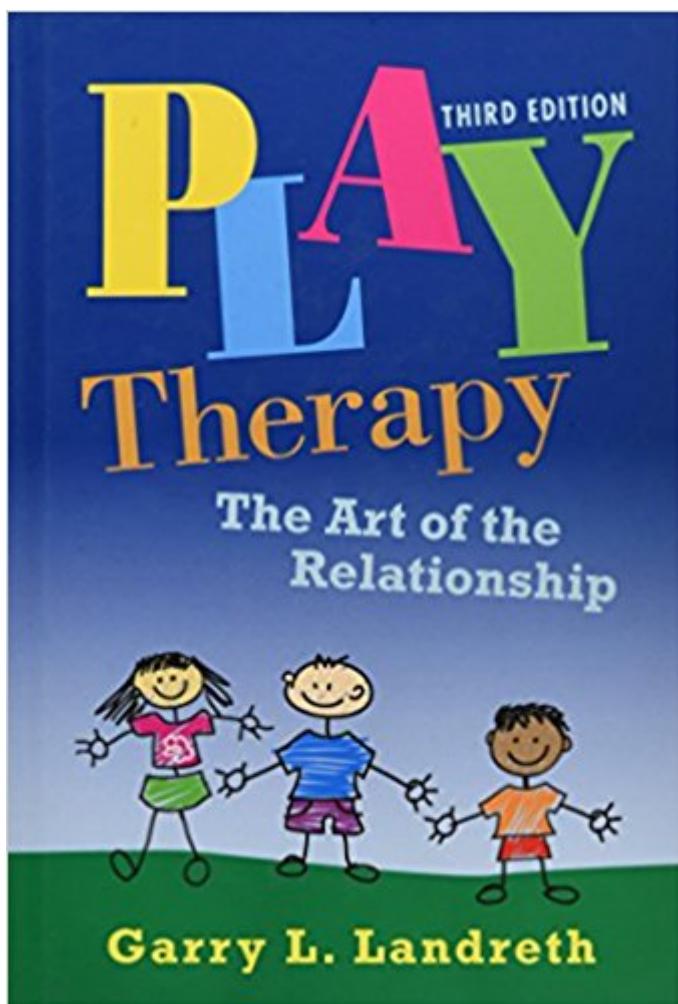


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# Play Therapy: The Art Of The Relationship



## **Synopsis**

Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship is the newest incarnation of Garry Landreth's comprehensive text on creating therapeutic relationships with children through play. It details the Child-Centered Play Therapy model, which stresses the importance of understanding the child's world and perspective. This approach facilitates the play therapy process while allowing therapist and client to fully connect. Professors who have taught a course based on the previous edition will be pleased to find the core message intact, but updated with a significant body of recent research. Expanded to cover additional topics of interest, the new edition includes: a full chapter on current research in play therapy new sections on supervising play therapists, legal and ethical issues and multicultural concerns 30 new photographs that show the author demonstrating techniques in-session practical tips for working with parents instructions on play room set-up and materials online instructor resources. The Third Edition will feel both familiar and fresh to educators and trainers who have relied on Landreth's text for years. The guidelines, transcripts, and case examples offered help therapists govern sensitive issues at every stage of the therapeutic process, from the first meeting to the end of the relationship.

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"The newest edition of this text is rather like having the opportunity to sit and talk with Garry Landreth. Many areas are expanded, reflecting the rich base of Garry's knowledge and

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I love the use of the simplified yet descriptive language. I needed this book for a play therapy course, and it has opened up my mind to an assortment of wonder, insight, and information. While reading, I could feel the author's passion for children and play therapy. I found the ENTIRE book to be useful. I like that it is written from a humanistic, child-centered orientation. I think that this book, along with Virginia M. Axline's 1947 "Play Therapy", are essentials to any person that is trying to learn the basics of play therapy.

I absolutely loved this book! It has helped with Child Centered Play Therapy, or Rogerian style therapy and developing those skills. It has propelled me into wanting to become a child play therapist as well!

Great book, essential for anyone working with children. Bought this book after a friend told me that his supervisor recommended it and it transformed the way I work with children. This book is amazingly easy to read while providing a wealth of information.

This book omits the jargon and drudge of a standard text book and presents each section in an easy to read and enjoyable format. A great book for the beginner in non-directive child centered play therapy. It covers every aspect that a professional starting out needs to know and gives guidance to the many difficult situations that may arise.

Do you want to understand how to talk and listen to people, including your own kids? This book is

helpful. It puts things simply without getting dry and long. It's easy to skip around in and engages the reader. It helped me to re-realize that frequently, people do not understand how to listen and communicate with others, including myself. "Play Therapy" is something to which most can relate.

I read this book for an intro to play therapy course I took. It was a great introduction to the field. It is clear that Landreth has lots of experience and is passionate about play therapy. He did a great job informing me, a new counselor, how to use play therapy effectively and tips for some of the more common problems in the play room. I gave it four stars, instead of 5, because at times it felt really repetitive.

He repeats himself for the first 100 pages which is tedious. But he's an authority in child centered play therapy so I suppose it's worth the read.

I am new to play therapy, one of my profs recommended Landreth and I have really enjoyed this book. Landreth writes from a wealth of experience and genuine heart. Great insight into play therapy.

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