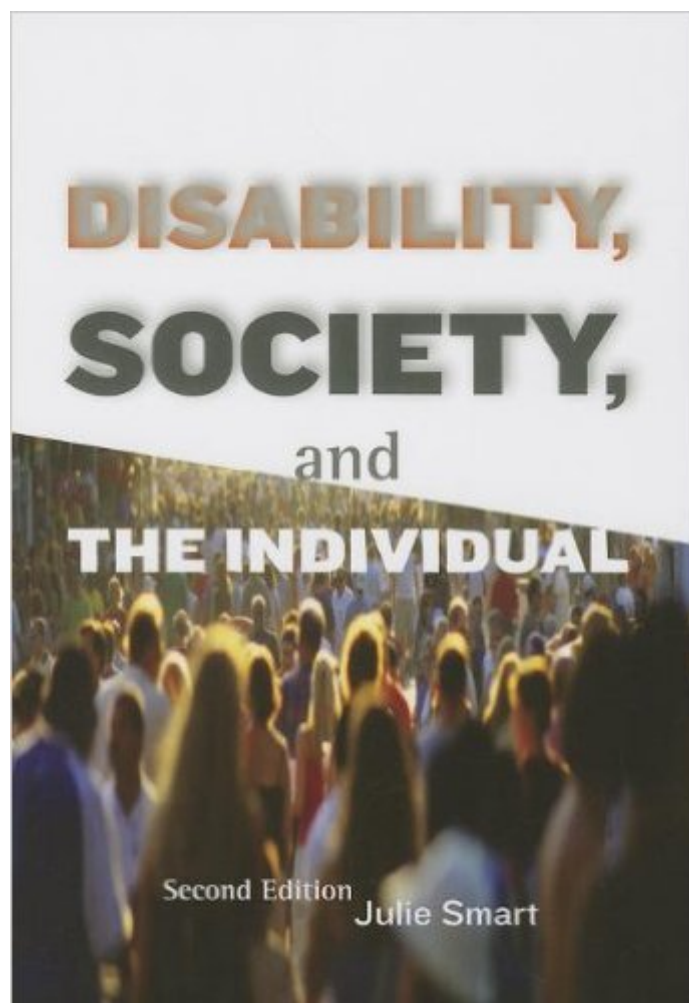


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# Disability, Society, And The Individual



## Synopsis

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In her book "Disability, Society, and the Individual," Julie Smart grapples with the definition of disability, its complications, implications, and the role it plays in society. The author touches on a broad range of disabilities, both physical and psychological. In defining disability, Smart clearly differentiates disadvantages from disability. Insight from several disabled people is included to give readers a first person perspective. The author goes into detail about legislation relating to the disabled, particularly the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into effect by George Bush in 1990. The ADA has facilitated the access of people with disabilities into many aspects of public life. She mentions that it has also inspired several advances in current technology, assisting even those without disability. The purpose of this book is to introduce readers to how the viewpoints from society

and a person with a disability are related. This book provides an introduction to this complex, but important topic. The first two chapters are about defining disabilities, the models of disability, and also list six reasons why there are more disabilities today than ever before. Chapters three through six are about sources of prejudices, effects of discrimination, and examples of these effects. Chapters seven through nine discuss the amount of severity, degree of visibility, the presence of chronic pain, and the stigma and prejudice, and how that affects the individuals with disabilities. Disability is a multifaceted topic, and people need to be more aware of its dimensions. This book is a good starting point.

She's my professor, what can I say? Wow that is true, this book is chalk full of knowledge written in straightforward and user friendly fashion. Spoiler alert: next edition is at the publishers...

The author covered nearly everything needed in the course content, truly comprehensive. So much so, that she seemed to use much of it in her other book Disability Across the Developmental Life Span published a few years later.

This is a required book for my Orientation and Mobility degree. I think it is a good book overall and has interesting, diverse information. It is thought provoking and looks at many different aspects of disabilities. It is not one of those dry, boring books that you dread reading!

A+ This is an older version, but has the same information for a lot better price. Highly recommend, very interesting book.

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