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Marta Campillo R. "Terapia Narrativa: Auto –aprendizaje y co-aprendizaje grupal". ("Narrative Therapy: self and group co-learning"), Publicaciones Ollin-Marta Campillo, Xalapa México, 2009

The book "Narrative Therapy: self and group co-learning" is an invaluable material that accounts for the intentions which make it possible the learning and comprehension of the different components of Narrative Therapy. A recursive panorama is drawn in which the reader own ideas are utilized to create their own learning process.

The author proposes the linguistic and participative characteristics of developing meaning of the narratives while creating a place for the construction of a sense of identity within a context of the development of professional skills. The de-centered and influential position of the narrative approach is presented as the self learning process, which opens possibilities for the comprehension of ones' own local experience, creating a dialogue with their own stories and plugging the field for the nurturing of a fertile narrative practice.

The methodological framework of self and co-group learning of Narrative Therapy strengthens the authors mission of recuperating participation of the readers own history. The self and co-group learning as a proposal framed as the means for the appropriation and nourishment of the sense of professional identity is coherent con the ethics that denounce and deconstruct power relations that saturate the academic context.

The book contributes in various ways and specific levels. In one hand, it is a very significant contribution to the acculturation process of Narrative Therapy to the Latin-American cultures. This is created from the translation to the cultural Mexican language of material only available in English. Even though Narrative Therapy originated in foreign cultures other than Latin ones, its political views match sociopolitical realities in Latin-American, and so it offers possibilities for responses to our own struggles against social injustice.

Finally, this book adds to the compression of Narrative Therapy and its training to a village of professionals that could well be part of the base of forces that contribute for social change.

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