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In this charming book, Lewis and Rachel Wilson offer their own perspective on emotional development and its implications for those who work with children and adolescents. Full of clinical wisdom, research knowledge, and concern for children facing emotional challenges, their account insightfully places emotional development at the center of human growth. A valuable resource for social workers, teachers, psychologists, nurses, and other professionals who work with children. – Ross A. Thompson, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, University of California, Davis, USA

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