

Environmental Gerontology: What Now? A Comprehensive Guide to the Field

Environmental gerontology is a rapidly growing field that explores the complex interplay between aging, the environment, and human well-being. As the world's population ages, it is increasingly important to understand how environmental factors can affect the health and well-being of older adults. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the field, covering a wide range of topics, including:



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- The role of the environment in promoting healthy aging
- The impact of climate change on older adults
- The role of environmental gerontology in promoting sustainability

This book is an essential resource for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers working in this rapidly growing field. It provides a

comprehensive overview of the latest research and best practices, and it offers insights into the future of environmental gerontology.

Chapter 1: The Physical and Mental Health Effects of Environmental Hazards on Older Adults

Environmental hazards can have a significant impact on the health and well-being of older adults. These hazards include air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, and extreme heat. Exposure to these hazards can lead to a variety of health problems, including respiratory problems, cardiovascular disease, cognitive decline, and depression.

Older adults are particularly vulnerable to the effects of environmental hazards because they are more likely to have underlying health conditions that can be exacerbated by exposure to these hazards. Additionally, older adults often spend more time outdoors than younger adults, which increases their risk of exposure.

Chapter 2: The Role of the Environment in Promoting Healthy Aging

The environment can also play a positive role in promoting healthy aging. Exposure to nature has been shown to have a variety of benefits for older adults, including reducing stress, improving mood, and boosting cognitive function. Additionally, physical activity in natural settings has been shown to improve physical health and well-being.

Creating age-friendly environments is an important way to promote healthy aging. Age-friendly environments are designed to meet the needs of older adults, including providing access to green space, safe and accessible transportation, and affordable housing.

Chapter 3: The Impact of Climate Change on Older Adults

Climate change is a major threat to the health and well-being of older adults. Extreme weather events, such as heat waves, floods, and wildfires, can be particularly dangerous for older adults. Additionally, climate change is leading to changes in air quality, water quality, and food security, which can all have negative impacts on the health of older adults.

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Chapter 4: The Role of Environmental Gerontology in Promoting Sustainability

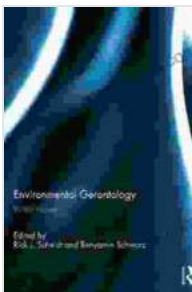
Environmental gerontology has an important role to play in promoting sustainability. By understanding the complex interplay between aging, the environment, and human well-being, environmental gerontologists can help to create more sustainable communities that are healthy and supportive for older adults.

Environmental gerontologists can work with architects, planners, and policymakers to create age-friendly environments that are also sustainable. They can also work with older adults to develop educational programs and resources that promote healthy aging and environmental sustainability.

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health effects of environmental hazards on older adults, the role of the environment in promoting healthy aging, the impact of climate change on older adults, and the role of environmental gerontology in promoting sustainability.

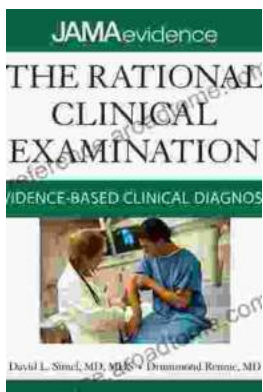
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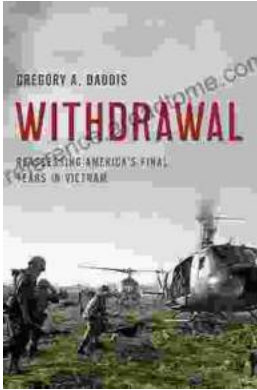
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