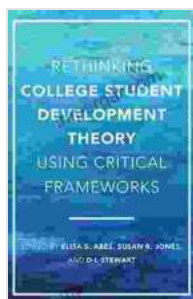


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## The Need for a Critical Approach

Traditional college student development theories have been criticized for their narrow focus on individual students. These theories often assume that students are rational actors who make choices based on their own individual needs and desires. However, this assumption ignores the fact

that students are also shaped by the social and cultural contexts in which they live. These contexts can have a significant impact on students' choices and decisions, and they can also create barriers to their success.

For example, students from low-income families may face financial barriers to attending college. They may also have to work part-time jobs to help support their families, which can make it difficult for them to succeed academically. Students from marginalized groups may also face discrimination and prejudice, which can further hinder their success.

Traditional college student development theories fail to account for these social and cultural factors. As a result, they provide a limited understanding of how students learn and develop in college.

### **A More Critical Approach**

A more critical approach to college student development theory is needed to address the limitations of traditional theories. This approach would take into account the social, cultural, and political factors that shape students' lives. It would also focus on the ways in which these factors can create barriers to students' success.

A critical approach would have several advantages over traditional theories. First, it would provide a more comprehensive understanding of how students learn and develop in college. Second, it would help to identify the barriers that students face and develop strategies to overcome these barriers. Third, it would help to create a more inclusive and equitable college environment for all students.

### **The Book**

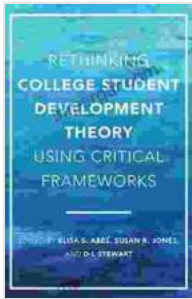
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The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an overview of traditional college student development theories. The second part critiques these theories and argues for a more critical approach. The third part presents a new critical framework for college student development.

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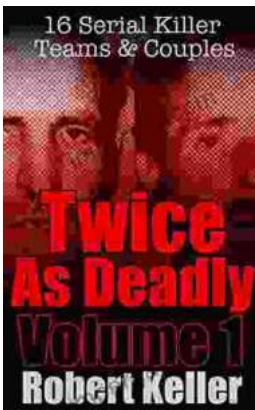
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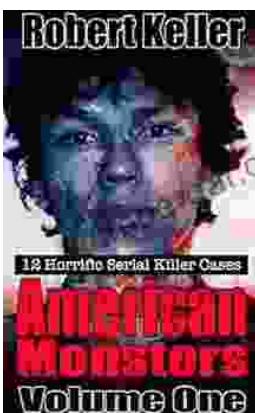
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