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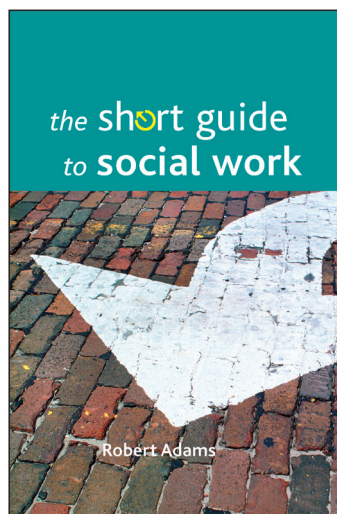
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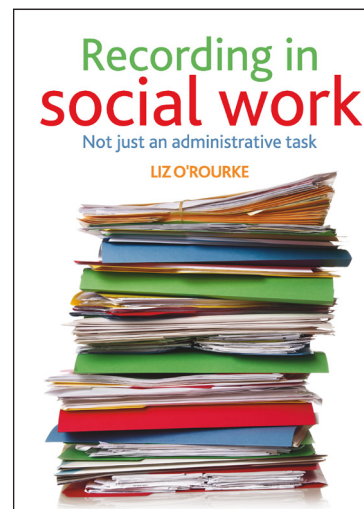
"Recording can be a chore. But it can also be a positive tool, encouraging reflection as well as focusing on accountability and information storage and sharing. As with recording itself, this research-based text should also encourage reflection and a positive re-balancing of the purpose, process and product of recording." **Ray Jones, Kingston University and St George's, University of London, former Social Services Director, Wiltshire and Chair of BASW**

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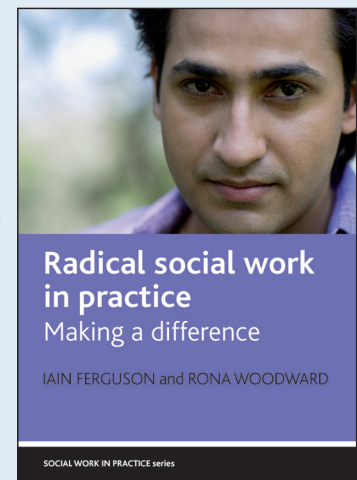
Iain Ferguson and Rona Woodward

"This book needs to be read by all those with an interest in social work. Informed by a ringing rejection of neo-liberalism and by the insights of practitioners and users, it provides a compelling case for a social work profession and practice committed to social justice. A must-read." **Chris Jones, University of Liverpool**

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Religion, belief and social work

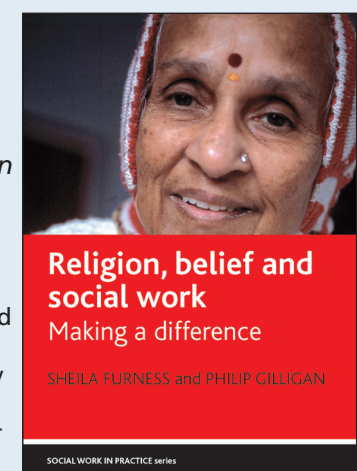
Sheila Furness and Philip Gilligan

"At last: a courageous, sensitive and comprehensive book on the place of religion and belief in everyday social work practice. An indispensable resource for those committed to delivering culturally-appropriate services to users and carers." **Siobhan E. Laird, University of Nottingham**

This book examines how religion and related beliefs have varied impacts on the needs and perceptions of practitioners, service users, and the support networks available to them. The authors argue that social workers need to understand these phenomena, so that they can become more confident in challenging discriminatory and oppressive practices. The centrality of religion and associated beliefs in the lives of many is emphasised, as are their potentially liberating (and potentially negative) impacts.

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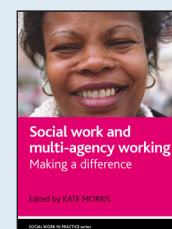
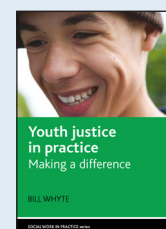
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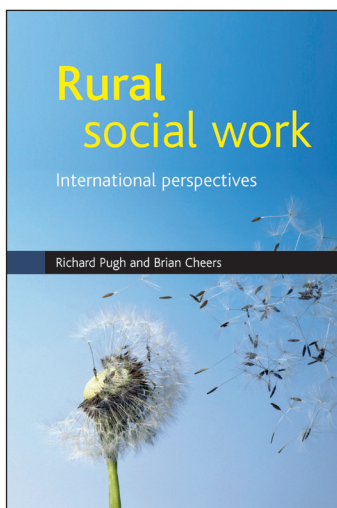
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