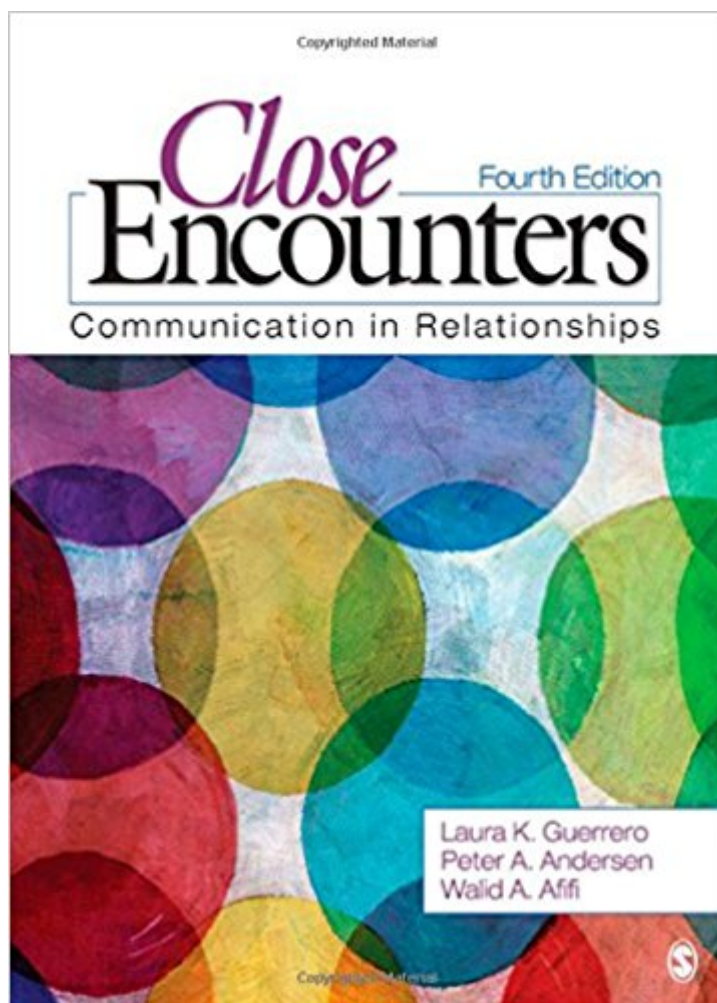


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# Close Encounters: Communication In Relationships



## Synopsis

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How nerdy am I to be reviewing a textbook right now! But this one is honestly very informative and interesting. I am a communications scholar and I actually look forward to reading this textbook. The chapters are a little lengthy, but they are replete with relevant information you need to know, and I have learned a lot. Important terms are bolded, and the summaries are helpful although I don't usually read them. It arrived in a timely manner, as well.

Great!

Easy read and very informative. I was sending snap shots to all my friends who were having relationship issues. This book was well organized and I would highly recommend to anyone inquiring about relationships.

The research in here is presented very well and it was set up in an easy way to read and study. Knocked off a star because some of its content was a little too left leaning for comfort, but it didn't detract too much from what the class was teaching.

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There are a lot of good textbooks on the market, unfortunately, this is not one of them. Unbelievably boring textbook. I find myself re-reading the same pages, over and over. I hope my professor finds a new textbook for future classes.

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