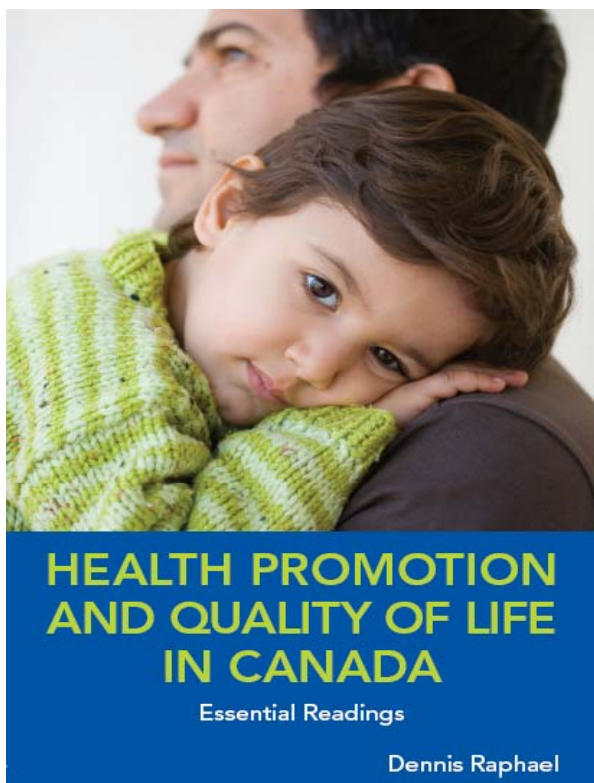


# Book Launch

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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## ***Health Promotion and Quality of Life in Canada: Essential Readings***



*This synthesis is long overdue and will contribute to advancing the field. The introduction of quality of life into this volume represents a new conceptualization.*” -- Kim Raine, School of Public Health, University of Alberta

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Health and quality of life are vital indicators of societal functioning. The way a society distributes resources among its population reveals much about the society itself. This unique volume unites readings that explore the integral link between quality of life and public policy choices. It begins with individual perspectives on health promotion and quality of life that provide a conceptual basis for determining an individual's or community's standard, then moves on to community and policy perspectives.

The middle section introduces a political economy framework and the social determinants of health concept to illustrate how societies differ in their willingness to support quality of life and health. Later chapters examine vulnerable populations: Indigenous communities, persons with disabilities, women, and racialized and immigrant communities. The book concludes with suggestions for bringing together the agendas of health promotion, quality of life, and the social determinants of health. It provides an up-to-date analysis of the barriers facing those attempting to improve quality of life and health, as well as the means to accomplish these goals.

Copies of the book will be available and light refreshments will be served.

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