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Synopsis

Winner of the 2009 CPR Award for Outstanding Book In this groundbreaking book, Bernard Mayer, a pioneer in the field of conflict resolution, offers a new paradigm for dealing with long-term disputes. Mayer explains that when dealing with enduring conflict, mediators and other conflict resolution specialists need to move past the idea of how quickly they can resolve the conflict. Instead, they should focus on how they can help people prepare to engage with an issue over time. Once their attention is directed away from a speedy resolution to a long-term approach, new avenues of intervention become apparent.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my partner, who is looking into doing graduate work in conflict resolution. I’ve purchased a number of books for her on conflict resolution and dealing with diversity- and inclusion-related work. She said this book in particular is excellent becausea) It isn’t written as an academic text; the strategies presented can be applied;b) It is the first book she has read that informs the reader on how to approach situations in which the conflict may not be resolved (hence the title);c) It provides real world examples that a facilitator can easily understand and adapt for use
when facilitating I imagine my partner could write a more comprehensive review but I don’t know that she will, so I’m hoping this will add some value to those considering purchasing this book.

Not every conflict we deal with can be resolved, at least in the short term. How do we deal with those enduring conflicts? How do we set up a system to improve communication, build relationships, and work through the myriad of issues in those conflicts? This book provides a clear method for thinking through these issues and to engage with enduring conflicts. I highly recommend this book to anyone wishing to better understand the nature of enduring conflicts and how to better engage with others in those conflicts.

This book may well become the center of my MA thesis! Buy it for research or just understanding how to handle your own life conflicts. Well- written and easily understood!

This is an intriguing guide for professionals involved with thorny and prolonged, even intractable conflicts. Mayer re-formulates the goals of conflict resolution, providing subtle insight and effective strategies for dealing with the profound psychological and ethical issues which arise in on-going disputes. Written elegantly and clearly, it is a pleasure to read.

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