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"INTERESTING. . . . OF WIDE RELEVANCE TO ALL COM-MUNITY PSYCHOLOGISTS who work with community systems and especially with disadvantaged communities. The book provides a taxonomy of types of community leadership, develops the idea of 'metadecision,' and identifies complex characteristics of family and community interaction patterns in the disadvantaged barrios of Caracas. The authors consider the relationships among community leaders, social organization in poor communities, participation in community development, struggle, and change. As such, a fascinating insight is provided into social and community life that, while based in the particular situation of Venezuelan low-income

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neighborhoods, has a wider relevance to how we can understand the life and organization of any community."

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This book opens a window onto the complex social struggles taking place in contemporary Venezuela, and PROVIDES A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO THE DIFFICULT PROCESS OF NEGO-TIATING NEW FORMS OF COMMU-NITY LEADERSHIP, Maritza Montero is one of the leading radical forces in community psychology in Latin America, and she brings her keen grasp of the politics of local communities to bear on the most urgent issues facing the Venezuelan people. Montero has gathered together an impressive range of academics and community activists, and THE BOOK IS TESTIMONY TO WHAT CAN BE DONE INSIDE THE DOMINANT INSTITUTIONS to bring them face-to-face with forces of resistance and change in the real world."

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they accompany. Of particular interest in these studies are the observations on the interactions between factors such as leaders' personalities, daily family life, neighborhood networks, and the dynamics of community mobilization."

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- Families as Nurturing Systems: Support Across the Life Span, edited by Donald G. Unger, PhD, and Douglas R. Powell, PhD* (Vol. 9, No. 1, 1991). "A useful book for anyone thinking about alternative ways of delivering a mental health service." (British Journal of Psychiatry)
- Ethical Implications of Primary Prevention, edited by Gloria B. Levin, PhD, and Edison J. Trickett, PhD* (Vol. 8, No. 2, 1991). "A thoughtful and thought-provoking summary of ethical issues related to intervention programs and community research." (Betty Tableman, MPA, Director, Division. of Prevention Services and Demonstration Projects, Michigan Department of Mental Health, Lansing)

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