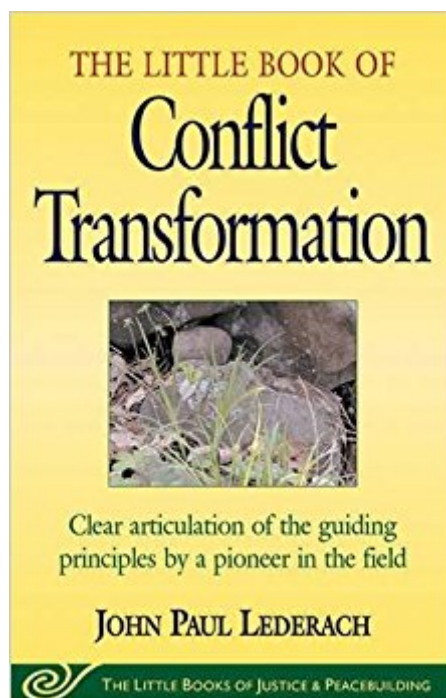




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Small jam packed practical. How to make the most out of conflict intervention by seeing it as an opportunity for deep relational and systemic transformation.

The book was a starting point for a course. The references in back were very helpful. The book and references together painted a better more complete picture. I would recommend this book.

Good

This book contains useful advice for addressing many social or interpersonal conflict situations in your life. It presents advice that has helped me to change the way I think about conflict -- mainly, the author emphasizes seeing conflict events as potentials for social transformation, rather than simply something to end or resolve. He promises some big airy ideas, and he makes good on his promise with some concrete examples at the end. (I did find myself wishing for more of these.)

This slender volume is a quick read, well worded so that its ideas can be readily understood. The basic principles articulated are worth deep reflection and I find them coming to mind in a variety of situations. Especially valuable is the handling dilemmas which seem either-or, yet best call for affirmation of both-and; and also the value of stretching to see how to handle immediate crises while seeing deeper, more long term issues which give rise to them. I find this book coming back to mind

quite occasionally.

This is a great little book about conflict transformation--not resolution.

Though short, this is not an easy book to read. But changing habitual ways of speaking and acting is never easy. We all need the skills explained in this book, especially those of us (like teachers) who are responsible for the workings of a group of people.

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