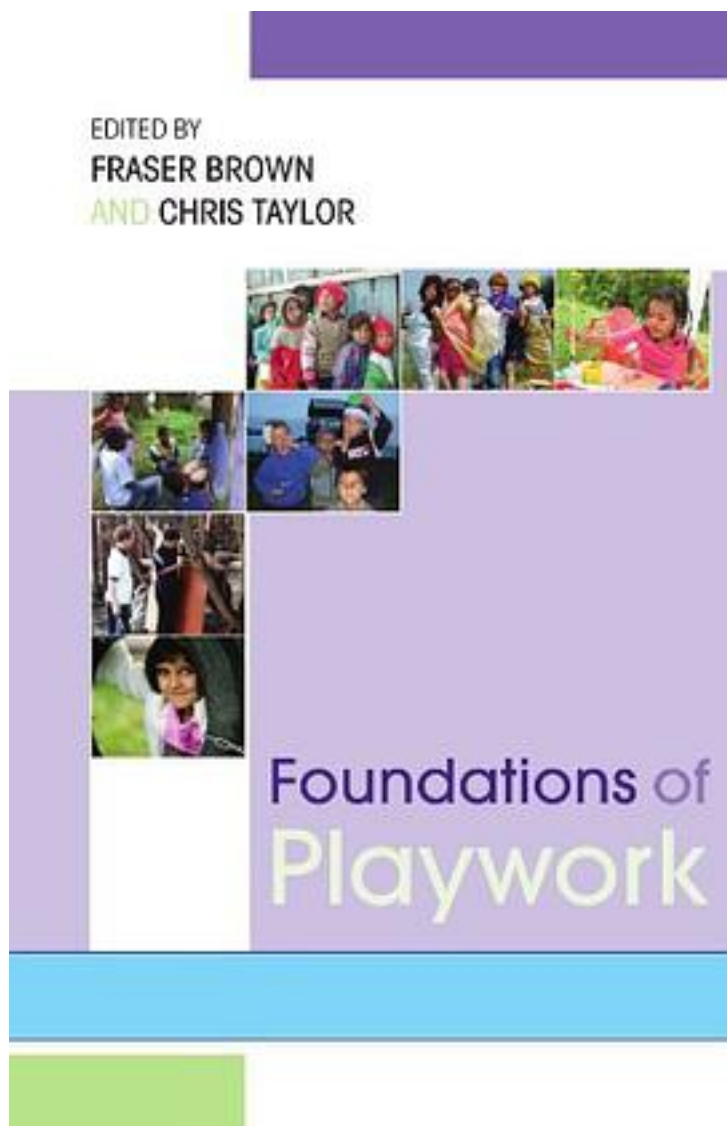


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'The editors take readers through a breathtaking landscape of perspectives on the foundations of playwork...This book invites you to reflect (see "Palmer", page 51). But above all, it is one that inspires action' - "Children and Society". "'Foundations of Playwork" is a must read for anyone with an interest in playwork or children's services. It shows the breadth, depth and value of our work with and on behalf of children' - Mike Greenaway, Director of Play Wales. Play impacts on all aspects of human behaviour and development, including the social, physical, cognitive, creative, emotional and spiritual worlds. The profession of playwork endeavours to provide enriched play environments with a view to enabling children achieve their full potential. This book provides a holistic overview of contemporary play and playwork. Straightforward and accessible, it covers topics such as playwork identity; play environments; the role of the playworker; values and ethics; play and playwork theory; and, at the heart of the book, a special chapter located at the cutting-edge of 21st century play theory. The authors position play and playwork within the broader social context of the management and development of play settings, work within and between different sectors of the children's workforce, and the socio-legal framework of children's rights, and legislation. The book has international interest, considering playwork in the UK, US and Romania. It looks at diverse settings such as prisons, hospitals, parks, adventure playgrounds and play centres, schools, youth settings and nurseries. Contributions from many of the leading names in playwork offer the most current theory and practice in the field. They present approaches to playwork using a range of techniques such as case studies and critiques, applied and emergent theorizing, story-telling and reflection. This encourages the reader to gain a breadth of perspective and develop their own contribution to the playwork tradition. "Foundations of Playwork" is a vital resource for playwork students, practitioners, members of the children's workforce, carers and parents.

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