

# The Play Therapy Primer by Kevin Connor: A Comprehensive Guide for Practitioners

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## What is Play Therapy?

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express their thoughts and feelings, develop coping mechanisms, and solve problems.

Play therapy can be used to treat a variety of mental health issues in children and adolescents, including:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

### **The Benefits of Play Therapy**

Play therapy has been shown to have a number of benefits for children and adolescents, including:

- Improved communication skills
- Enhanced problem-solving abilities
- Increased self-esteem
- Reduced anxiety and depression
- Improved coping mechanisms

### **How Play Therapy Works**

Play therapy is a collaborative process between the therapist and the child. The therapist uses play to create a safe and supportive environment in which the child can express their thoughts and feelings. The therapist then

helps the child to make connections between their play and their real-life experiences, and to develop new coping mechanisms.

Play therapy can be conducted in a variety of settings, including schools, clinics, and hospitals. The therapist will typically meet with the child for one hour per week. The length of treatment will vary depending on the child's needs.

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The book is divided into three parts:

1. **Part 1: Foundations of Play Therapy**
2. **Part 2: Applications of Play Therapy**
3. **Part 3: Advanced Topics in Play Therapy**

Part 1 provides an overview of the history, theory, and research on play therapy. Part 2 discusses the specific applications of play therapy for different mental health issues. Part 3 covers advanced topics in play therapy, such as working with trauma and using play therapy in schools.

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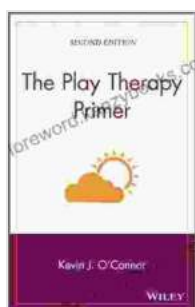
## About the Author

Kevin Connor, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist and registered play therapist. He is the author of several books on play therapy, including *The Play Therapy Primer* and *Play Therapy with Children in Crisis*.

Dr. Connor is a leading expert in the field of play therapy. He has trained thousands of therapists in the use of play therapy, and he is a sought-after speaker at national and international conferences.

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If you are interested in learning more about play therapy, I highly recommend reading *The Play Therapy Primer*. The book is an essential resource for anyone who works with children and adolescents.



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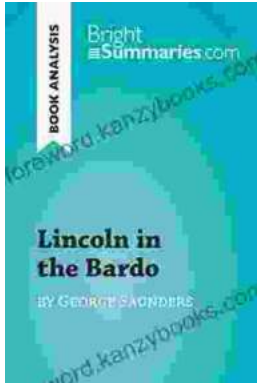
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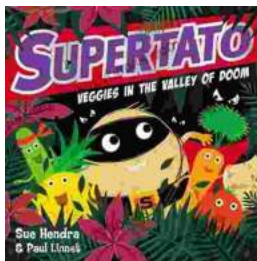
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