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## BOOK NOTES

John E. Tropman, John L. Erlich and Jack Rothman (Eds.), *Tactics and Techniques of Community Intervention*. (Third Edition). Itasca, IL: F. E. Peacock, 1995. \$36.50 papercover.

Jack Rothman, John L. Erlich and John E. Tropman (Eds.), *Strategies of Community Intervention*. (Fifth Edition). Itasca, IL: F. E. Peacock, 1995. \$36.50 papercover.

In view of the overwhelming demand for instruction in clinical practice, it often appears that social work students are disinterested in community social work. It is encouraging, therefore, that a new journal in the field has recently been launched and that books on the subject continue to be published. It is also encouraging that demand for standard community organization textbooks, such as the two reviewed here, remains buoyant. Indeed, the publication of the 5th edition of *Strategies* and the 3rd edition of *Tactics* (both in 1995) suggests that community social practice remains a vital part of social work today.

Rothman, Erlich and Tropman's two books are now standard reference works in the field and will continue to serve as such for many years to come. Their major strength are the comprehensiveness of the topics covered and the way previously published material is made accessible to readers. Both books are augmented by original material and by the inclusion of new, up to date content. They are an excellent resource for students and practitioners alike.

Leila O. Schroeder, *The Legal Environment of Social Work*, Washington, DC: NASW Press, 1995. \$34.95.

This important book shows once again that social work practice does not take place in a vacuum. The idea that social work involves no more than counseling people with personal problems has, of course, previously been challenged. But Leila Schroeder effectively restates this point by showing the extent to which social workers operate in a legal environment which impinges on daily practice. As she demonstrates, social workers cannot ignore