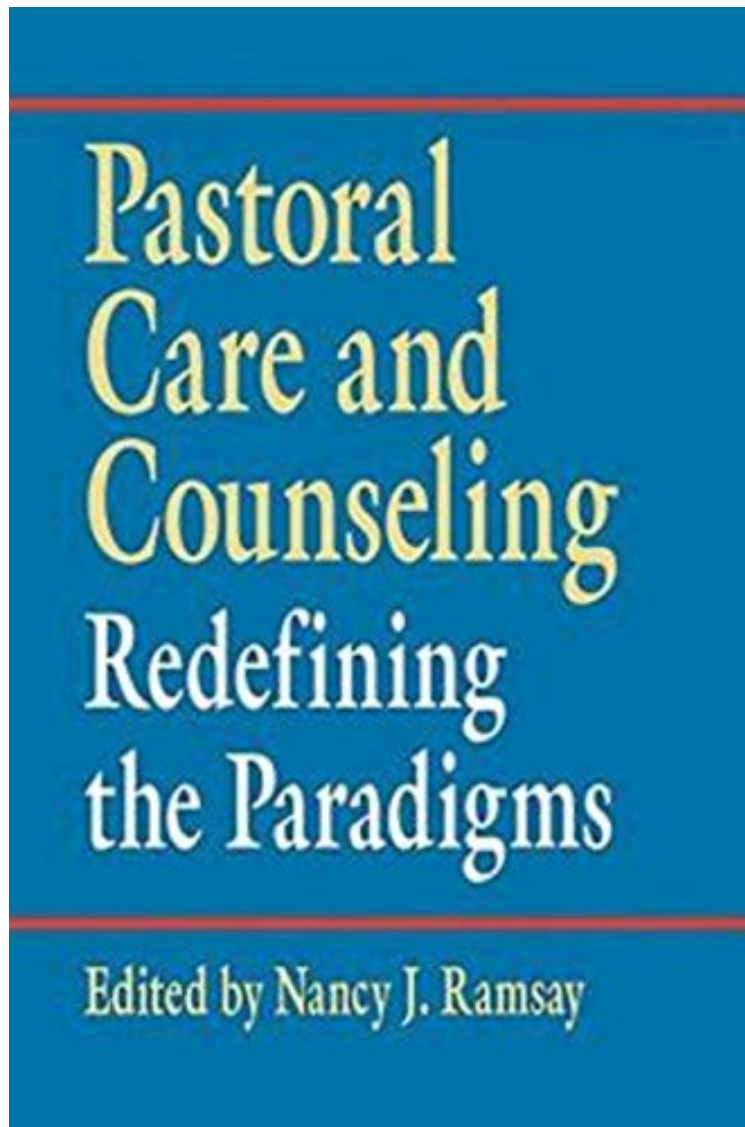


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Pastoral Care and Counseling has changed radically since the publication of the Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling. Rapid changes have occurred in theological, social, and medical contexts broadening the understanding of care. The shift from the "living human document" to the "living human web" both enriches and challenges the study and practice of pastoral theology. Just as the Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling defined the field of Pastoral Care, this volume brings the field current. Edited by Nancy J. Ramsay. Contributors for the essays include Nancy J. Ramsay, Joretta L. Marshall, Emmanuel Y. Lartey, Christie Cozad Neuger, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, and Loren L. Townsend. Topics include: Pastoral Theology; Public Theology; Power and Difference; Globalization, Internationalization, and Indigenization; Training in Clinical Ministry; Methodology.

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