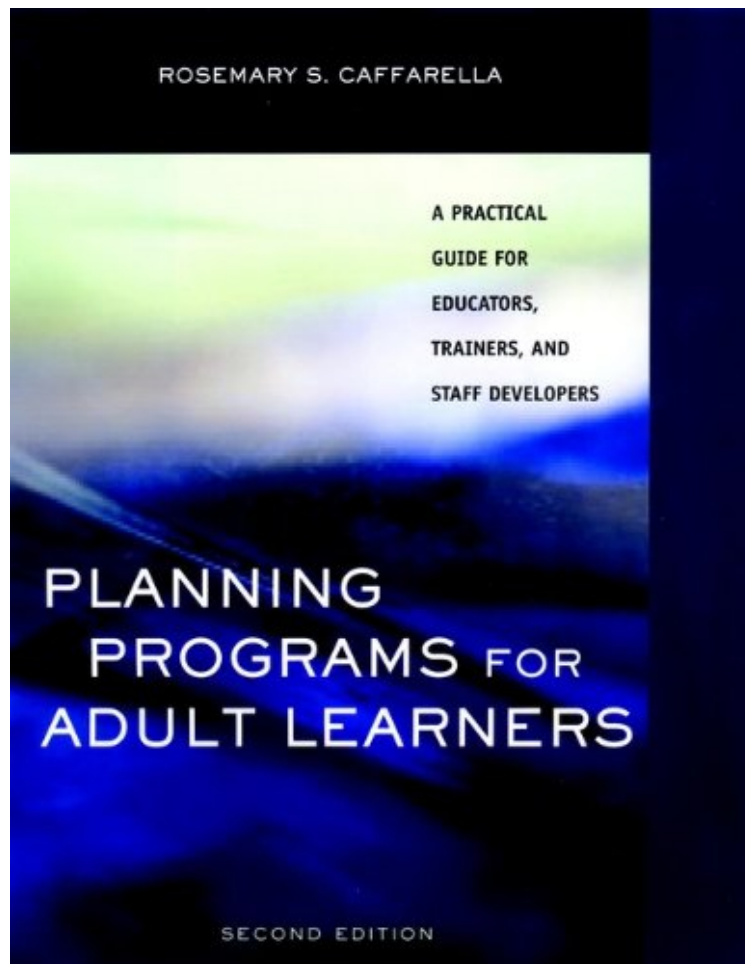


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from another publication, some questions, and a brief discussion. That may be helpful to a novice that's not considered this before, but if you've had some experience in program planning, this is far too basic. What may have helped is including some recommendations to find more advanced information--not scholarly sources, but technical ones. For example, the section on setting program priorities includes a discussion on ranking priorities and assigning individual weights, but it's basic and if readers want more details, there's no place to turn. Secondly, the book needed a stronger editor. There are some minor misspellings (e.g., site for sight) but more frustrating are the repetitive statements (her point that her approach is suitable for both novice and experienced planners is repeated in each of the first few chapters, and even within chapters--enough already!) and writing style (each chapter opens with something like, "in this chapter is going to be about this topic, then I'm going to discuss why it's important" and closes with "in this chapter we discussed this topic, and here's why it's important."). As a result, at times it reads like an undergraduate research paper--a strong editor would have tightened this up considerably. Finally, for Kindle users, be aware that the author includes many charts, worksheets, and checklists that you may find helpful but are treated as images. Unfortunately the type is small, gray, and blurred so it's a challenge to read the charts either on the Kindle device or on a computer monitor (I tried both ways and some charts are okay and others impossible to read). The body text is fine.

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