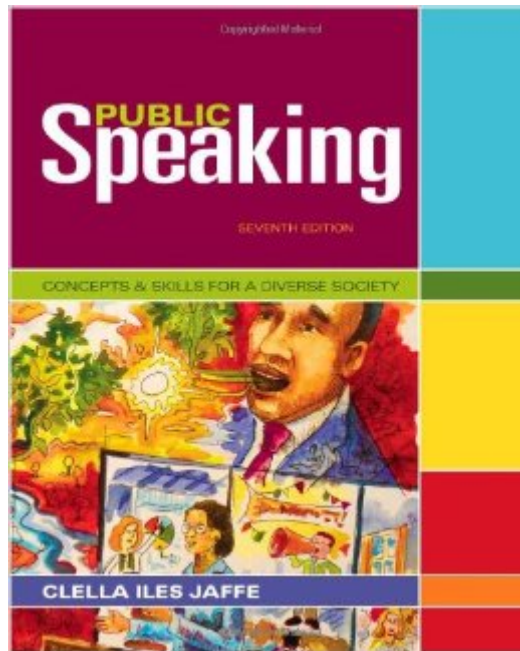


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This book focus' on key terms and not content. In short, this could be easily replaced with a dictionary containing only the terms that the book chooses. The content is bland, poorly written and terribly boring.If you're a teacher, department chair, or tenured professor, I strongly urge you to

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This text book is very thorough and contains everything one would need to know about public speaking and then some!! I purchased the text for my online college class.

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