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Scott Goldsmith has taken two important topics, emotional intelligence and experiential learning, combined them, and created a road map that any facilitator can follow. --Jim Cain, PhD, Teamwork & Teamplay author of Teamwork & Teamplay and Rope Games

Experiential Activities for Enhancing Emotional Intelligence is truly a guide to move groups of learners into action. Building from a strong foundation in experiential counseling, Goldsmith articulates practical strategies for explaining, experiencing, and enhancing emotional intelligence. A valuable treasure trove of tested activities that will be reliable for lifetimes. --Chris Cavert, EdD, Assistant Professor, Northeastern Illinois University experiential educator, author and trainer

Scott Goldsmith's book Experiential Activities for Enhancing Emotional Intelligence is an amazing compilation of experiential therapeutic activities for young people. He takes his concept of the three Keys to Success and weaves them into a multimodal approach to facilitate emotional growth and skill building for youth and young adults. --Laura M.I. Saunders, PsyD, ABPP Licensed Psychologist, Board Certified in Clinical Psychology Young Adult Services, Institute of Living, Hartford Hospital

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