Noting that "relationships are fundamental to nearly all domains of human activity," Reis (Rochester Univ.) and colleague Sprecher (Illinois State Univ.) collect the many disciplines that constitute the growing field of relationship science. Featuring the contributions of hundreds of international academics from the fields of sociology, communication, psychology, and others, the encyclopedia offers a balanced discussion of familiar topics like marriage and health, extended families, and same-sex couples as well as lesser-known subjects like dyslexia (the inability to read or send signs), facework (saving/losing face), and the norm of reciprocity (expectation of prosocial behavior). Also included are timely examinations of areas likely to resonate with modern readers such as computer-mediated communication, computer matching services, bullying, and speed dating. Those new to the burgeoning field of relationship science will wish to browse the reader's guide, which organizes the entries into 18 distinctive themes, including Cognitive Processes in Relationships; Creating and Maintaining Closeness; Dating,