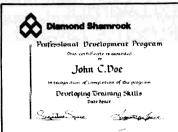
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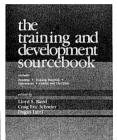
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## Performance Appraisal: Assessing Human Behavior at Work

H. John Bernardin and Richard Beatty have written *Performance Appraisal* as a comprehensive text for students, researchers and practitioners. The authors believe they have justified their positions and recommendations on the basis of the vast empirical literature and on practical experience with performance appraisals. The emphasis of the book is on viewing appraisal in the context of a complete human resource system that integrates training, personnel decisions, compensation and motivation.

Among the topics covered in the book are: the role of job analysis in appraisal systems development; legal considerations in performance appraisal; performance appraisal methods and formats; measuring the effectiveness of appraisal data, quantitative, qualitative and utilization criteria; and the appraisal process. 40l pp. \$13.95. **Kent Publishing Company**, 20 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02ll6.



# The Training and Development Sourcebook

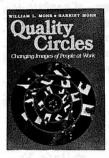
Lloyd Baird, Craig Eric Schneier and Dugan Laird believe that training and development is no longer an expendable part of personnel administration and that we are entering an era in which effective training and development marks the difference between successful and unsuccessful organizations. "People are an organization's most valuable resource," they add, "...and that resource must be managed and developed."

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The book presents quality circles as a method for involving workers and managers in achieving higher levels of excellence, productivity, quality and job satisfaction. The authors address the human and business dimensions of quality circles and analyze the methodology and philosophy of QCs.

How to assess your organization's readiness for quality circles, how to identify objectives, how to manage problems in order to sustain momentum toward fulfillment of goals and how to evaluate implementation are discussed. 272 pp. \$29.95. Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA 01867.



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A.P. Martin reports on the achievements of companies who are successfully applying proactive decision making in Canada, the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands, Italy, Mexico and Venezuela. The main theme of the book is that proactive management can provide a framework for diagnosing current problems and issues and for improving strategic planning and the management of change.

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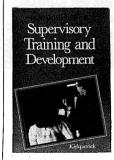
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