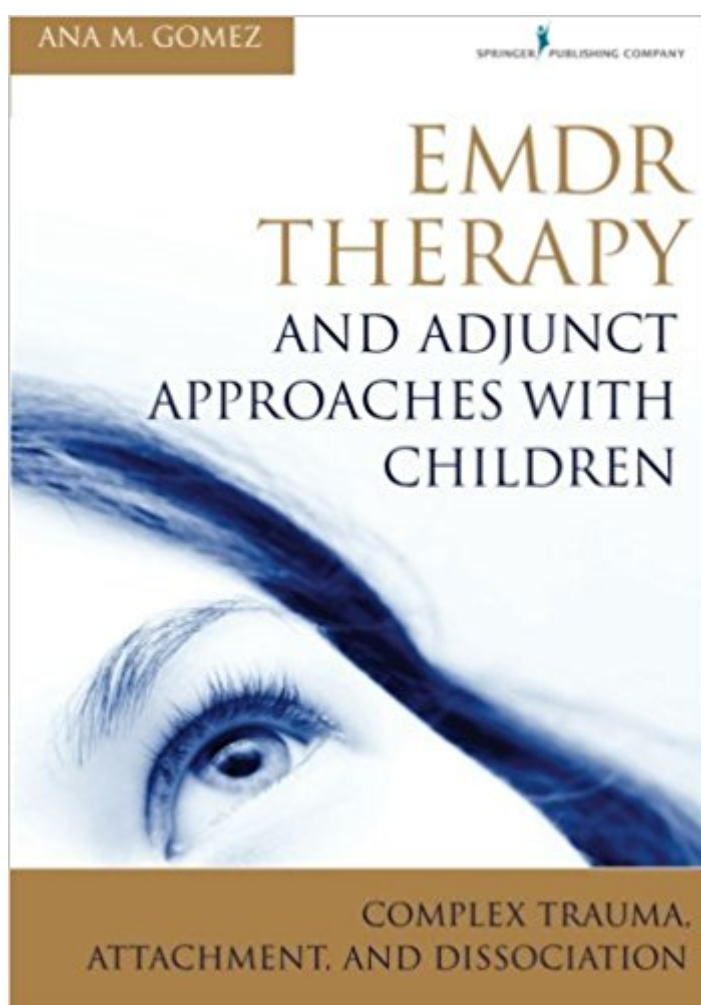


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# EMDR Therapy And Adjunct Approaches With Children: Complex Trauma, Attachment, And Dissociation



## Synopsis

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Ana M Gomez, MC, LPC is a psychotherapist in private practice, a researcher and a national and international speaker. She has presented in close to forty cities and ten countries on the use of EMDR therapy and other adjunct approaches with children and adolescents with complex trauma, attachment injuries and dissociation. She received her professional degree in psychology with a specialization in clinical psychology from the Catholic University in Bogota, Colombia, and her Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University. Ana has served as a practicum supervisor at the Educational Psychology Department at Northern Arizona University. She was the recipient of the 2011 distinguished service award from the Arizona Association for Play Therapy. She is a facilitator for the EMDR Institute, a specialty presenter on EMDR with children and an EMDR-HAP trainer. Ana is the author of several children's books and book chapters on the use of EMDR therapy with children. She is also trained in Sensorimotor psychotherapy and Theraplay (first level), and the application and scoring of the Adult Attachment Interview (AAI).

This is an amazing book for anyone who practices EMDR with traumatized children. Ana Gomez has melded neuroscience with EMDR, attachment, play therapy, Theraplay, sandtray and IFS to make this a truly meaningful and helpful book. Her integration of all of these concepts has provided me with new understanding that will be beneficial to all of the traumatized children to whom I provide counseling services. I would recommend this book to any child therapist who is trained in EMDR. Thank you Ana Gomez!

Ms. Gomez is an awesome resource in understanding the nuances of EMDR and giving me clear

tools that I can use with children and all of my clients. Often trauma is seated in experiences from childhood, so these techniques are invaluable.

If you have several hours to read this book it will be useful. Much too wordy. Not direct enough. More suitable for beginners.

## FITS INTO THE INFORMATION I NEEDED

Wonderful book with many hands on strategies for use with clients! Great book!!!!

Excellent! Demystifies EMDR and provides some solid techniques.

Ana Gomez has some great techniques for working with children doing EMDR. I have also attended one of her conferences and find this book a great addition. EMDR is complicated when working with children who have had long complex trauma and abuse that was on going for years. The work needs to go slow and kids can be hard to engage. All of Ana's work is a huge help in working with this group of children.

EXCELLENT BOOK FROM AN INCREDIBLE AUTHOR. THIS IS TERRIFIC IF YOU WORK WITH EMDR AND CHILDREN.

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