

Title	Current Concerns in Occupational Stress	
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Brief Introduction	Book Reviews	<p>Current Concerns in Occupational Stress. Cary L. Cooper and Roy Payne, editors. Chichester: Wiley, 1980. 341 pp. \$33.00</p> <p>Research on the causes and consequences of human stress in work organizations is rapidly developing a distinctive paradigmatic status in the field of organizational sciences. Cooper and Payne's book of readings entitled <i>Current Concerns in Occupational Stress</i> should facilitate this growing trend. It is a collection of eleven articles on the general themes pertaining to (1) jobs and occupations that risk creating stress, (2) contemporary aspects of work life that create stress, and (3) some strategies for coping with occupational stress. All of the articles were written specifically for this collection by scholars from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds (occupational psychology, organizational behavior, and medical science) who are conducting research on various aspects of occupational stress.</p> <p>If the role of science is to refine and elaborate common-sense knowledge (Pepper, 1942), then the approach adopted by the editors and contributing authors of this book in refining, elaborating, and then appropriately focusing on some of the important topical areas has indeed contributed to the growing body of scientific literature in the organizational and occupational sciences. <i>Current Concerns in Occupational Stress</i> represents a significant improvement over the first book on stress Cooper and Payne edited, <i>Stress at Work</i> (1978), in developing a reasonably coherent set of well-articulated concepts and frameworks for comprehending the potential contributions that this growing field may yield in the next two decades.</p>