



## Housing First: Ending Homelessness, Transforming Systems, and Changing Lives (Hardback)

By Professor Deborah Padgett, Research Scientist Post-Doctorate Fellow Benjamin Henwood, Founder and CEO Sam Tsemberis PH.D.

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