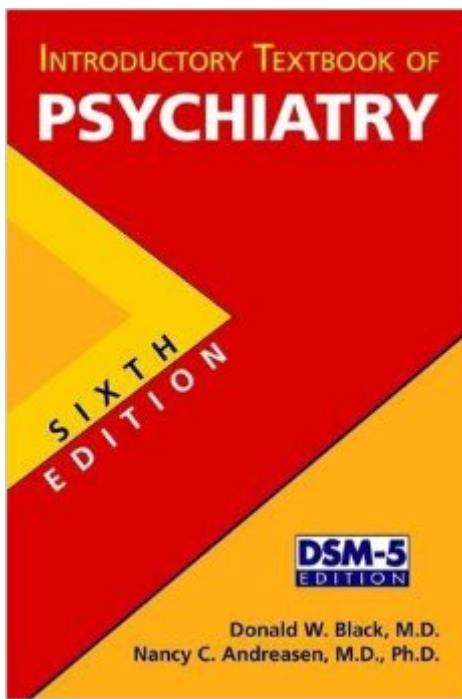


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Introductory Textbook Of Psychiatry



Synopsis

Thoroughly and scrupulously updated, the sixth edition of the Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry has been reorganized and rewritten to reflect the reformulated DSM-5(R) diagnostic classes, rendering all other texts obsolete. No other introductory psychiatry text incorporates up-to-date information on all of the major disorders, arranged by DSM-5(R) diagnostic class, along with current treatment information. Designed to provide medical students and beginning residents with a solid foundation and orientation to the field, the book has also been proven valuable to a variety of training programs, including advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, and psychologists. An abundance of useful features should win this new edition equal popularity and classic status:

- The authors are accomplished writers as well as clinicians, and they have produced a volume that is consistent in style, very readable, and highly engaging. The redundancies sometimes encountered in a text with many authors have been avoided.
- An exhaustively researched and scientifically rigorous section devoted to the neurobiology and genetics of mental illness has been included, because psychiatry is a scientific, as well as a clinical, discipline.
- The detailed introduction to the psychiatric interview provides interviewing techniques, tips on taking the clinical history, and specific questions that may be asked to elicit information useful to diagnosis.
- New medications have been released since the last edition, and more has been learned about existing drugs. All are addressed in detail here.
- A host of reader-friendly features -- including interesting case vignettes, clinical points, chapter-by-chapter self-assessment questions, an up-to-date glossary of terms, and dozens of tables and figures -- promote learning and help the reader to gauge progress. Those studying for their board examinations will find them especially helpful.

Grounded in the authors' long clinical experience and scholarly expertise, the Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry is a pedagogically sound and beautifully written text that is equal to the science and mystery of its subject. A new generation of medical students and residents will find it as interesting as it is indispensable.

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This is a short and sweet introduction to the practice of psychiatry. The book clearly targets medical students and psychiatrists although I used the 5th edition to review for my psychiatric nurse practitioner board exam. This book is simply written and can definitely be read cover to cover in a few sittings. This is not an extensive reference book, but more of a broad overview. The information provided about each disorder is similar but more succinct than what is provided in the actual DSM 5. I thought the material was presented in a somewhat dry, laconic manner, very much like the DSM. More importantly though, the text was a useful, compact text that can accompany a student during their clinical rotations. The book is divided into three parts: 1. Background (15% of book) 2. Psychiatric Disorders (67%) 3. Special Topics (18%) The background section includes a chapter on diagnosis and classification, interviewing and assessment, and the neurobiology of genetics of mental illness. The psychiatric disorders section follows the same structure and organization of the DSM 5. For each diagnosis, the authors discuss diagnostic criteria, epidemiology, etiology, course, clinical findings, differential diagnosis, and clinical management. Occasionally there will be a short case example. The special topics section includes a chapter on psychiatric emergencies, legal issues, behavioral/cognitive/psychodynamic treatments, psychopharmacology and electroconvulsive therapy. Each chapter includes self-assessment questions and an extensive bibliography. There are very few images, all in greyscale. The font is a good size. The DSM 5 diagnostic criteria are listed in table format for each disorder.

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