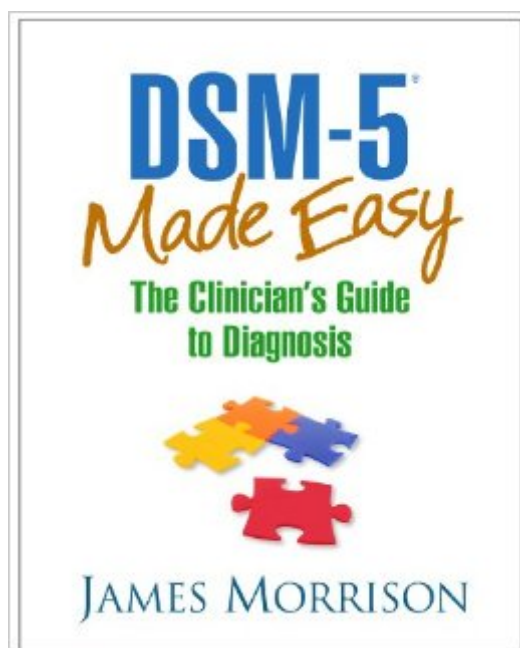


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# DSM-5® Made Easy: The Clinician's Guide To Diagnosis



## Synopsis

In this indispensable book, master diagnostician James Morrison presents the spectrum of diagnoses in DSM-5 in an accessible, engaging, clinically useful format. Demystifying DSM-5 criteria without sacrificing accuracy, the book includes both ICD-10-CM and ICD-9-CM codes for each disorder. It also includes the Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) Scale (from DSM-IV-TR), with a clear rationale for its continued use. More than 130 detailed case vignettes illustrate typical patient presentations; down-to-earth discussions of each case demonstrate how to arrive at the diagnosis and rule out other likely possibilities. Providing a wealth of diagnostic pointers, Morrison writes with the wisdom and wit that made his guide to the prior DSM a valued resource for hundreds of thousands of clinicians and students. His website ([www.guilford.com/jm](http://www.guilford.com/jm)) offers additional discussion and resources related to psychiatric diagnosis and DSM-5.

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Doctor Morrison's clinician's guide to the DSM IV was the single best book available and was a superb aide to those of us preparing for a licensing exam. The title, "made easy", might cause some to dismiss it but it lives up to that claim in a way that is insightful, analytically sound, and authoritative. Morrison also presented the material in a format that made sense and actually made the subject entertaining to someone with a serious interest in it. His guide to the DSM - 5 is equally well done and effective in discussing the new DSM intelligently and expertly. Changes in the various diagnoses are highlighted and some of the reasoning behind those changes are discussed but not the primary focus. Once again, he makes it all "easy" by actually making it clear and organizing it

simply. There is no doubt Morrison is an expert diagnostician but there is no "talking down" or lecturing. His style invites the reader, whether beginning or experienced clinician, to explore the DSM with him as a guide. He writes superbly and anyone who has benefited from his work on the DSM IV will not hesitate to invest in this essential book. I have turned to his first text many, many times over the years and expect that will be the case as I integrate the DSM - 5 into my practice and find myself struggling with a particular diagnosis. It's a reliable resource and can often prove to be an invaluable reference to have at hand.

At times, when I'm doing an assessment, being that I don't know everything, I prefer to use this book rather than the DSM-5 itself. It has rationale as to why what you thought may have been incorrect as well as expounding on the nuance's of the DSM-5.

Another excellent book from James Morrison! I teach the DSM in a graduate program and wish this book had come out in time for my class last year. Because the DSM-5 is such a radical departure from the DSM-IV, this really helps the clinician and student clinician through the changes and restructuring of the 5.

The author raises some good points, including rationale for continuing to use the Global Assessment of Functioning Scale (even if it's not in the DSM V?). It might not be the best book for someone looking to learn DSM-5 or for those trained in a scientist-practitioner model. The lack of adequate citations and references makes it maddening (pun intended) to differentiate ideas of the author or others. Supporting documentation and references to primary scientific resources would greatly enhance the validity of what the book asserts. Of course, that is also a major flaw in DSM where users are expected to take it on blind faith from "higher powers".

Great book to clarify the criterias in the DSM 5. The vignettes for each diagnosis really pulled it all together.

Excellent resource and way to prep for the licensing exam. Gives great case examples!

This is more than I expected. It handles the information in an adult manner and its target audience with respect. Well done.

I love this book. I loved Dr. Morrison's DSM-IV book, so when the DSM-5 came out, I knew I needed it. I've taken two half day in person classes on the DSM-5, that I found confusing. This book has already made more sense than either course. I love the examples Dr. Morrison uses to illustrate diagnosis. This is a great gift for any clinician (psychologist, social worker, marriage and family therapist, etc.)

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