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Abnormal Psychology (3rd Edition)



Synopsis

Real Science. Real Life. Now with DSM5 coverage throughout. • This leading-edge author team, consisting of three active researchers, clinicians, and educators, take a scientist-practitioner approach emphasizing the rich blend of both the science and practice of abnormal psychology throughout the text. The developmental trajectory of each condition is discussed where appropriate and scientific findings with respect to race and gender are incorporated into discussions about each condition. • Biological findings are integrated with findings from social and behavioral sciences, highlighting the complexity of abnormal behavior and how it is often influenced by a wide range of variables. • The authors encourage students to look at psychological disorders along a continuum and analyze disorders in terms of whether the individual's behavior creates distress or impairs daily functioning. Importantly, an effort is made to "bring to life" the nature of these conditions by providing vivid clinical descriptions. • In addition to short descriptions used liberally throughout each chapter, a fully integrated case study is presented at the end of each chapter, again illustrating the interplay of biological, psychosocial and emotional factors. • The 3rd edition includes coverage of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5), with updated text references and examples throughout. • MyPsychLab is an integral part of the Beidel / Bulik / Stanley program. Key learning applications include MyPsychLab video series with new virtual case studies. • Teaching & Learning Experience Personalize Learning • " MyPsychLab is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program. It helps students prepare for class and instructor gauge individual and class performance. Improve Critical Thinking • " Students are encouraged to think critically about current controversial issues in the field and to consider the fine line between "normal" and "abnormal" behavior. Engage Students • " Real cases in the text based on the authors' own clinical files along with videos of real people with psychological disorders on MyPsychLab engage students in the material and help to destigmatize disorders. Explore Research • " Icons highlight what is known about the developmental trajectory of each condition. Virtual Reality therapy and other topics engage students in current research and help them see the relationship between science and clinical practice. Support Instructors • " Speaking Out video interviews featuring real people with psychological disorders, along with their family and friends, help instructors engage students both in and out of the classroom. • Included on DVD, on MyPsychLab, and embedded in the PowerPoint slides, these and other resources provide extensive support for instructors. Find us on Facebook! Login and search for: • Beidel/Bulik/Stanley, Abnormal Psychology •

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Customer Reviews

This is IMHO, hands-down the authoritative text on Abnormal Psychology today. We used the 11th edition in my graduate school psychopathology, and I recently purchased this updated edition, with all of the DSM-V changes added. Looking forward to re-reading this text once again. It serves as a "go-to" reference, which I keep on my office desk at all times. One down-side, they no longer publish the "study guide" that accompanied previous editions, wish they would bring that back in future editions.

If you're a psychology major or are interested in mental disorders, this book has everything and will not disappoint you. With each disorder there is the new DSM-5 diagnostic criteria. It's easy to read, and very thorough. Each section has small case studies to help you understand the disorder better. Each chapter has a comprehensive summary and definition section, as well as, a multiple choice quiz. There is a "myspsychlab" which I purchased the "key" from my university. It DOES NOT come with this book. I bought this new for my college course and it didn't have the "key." So, if you're a student and want to use the "myspsychlab," which is awesome and will really help you excel in your class, ask your university how you can get the "key." In every chapter you will see an "eye" icon. If you have "myspsychlab" you can view the text on your computer and click on the "eye." You will then watch a short video of someone who has experienced the disorder.

The 14th edition is an excellent text for Abnormal Psychology or Behavior Pathology. Its cross reference to the DSM-IV-TR is up to date and current with the most recent research on all of the

DSM-IV-TR disorders. I do not recommend purchasing an earlier edition, because this has so much more detail and illustrations especially the most recent brain biology. Abnormal Psychology (14th Edition)

This book was informative and contained great, detailed explanations of concepts. However, as other reviewers have mentioned, it does seem a bit disorganized. There were quite a few concepts I believed should have been in a specific chapter or section, yet were placed chapters away from the "correct" area. On the positive side, the book contains DSM-V information and pretty decent chapter summaries. Also, the authors (in my opinion) did a good job detailing psychological factors for information involving potentially sensitive subjects, such as various cultures and sexual matters. For a basic psychology class, it could be a good reference, if you want to pay that amount of money.

I used this book for my Abnormal class and it really helped spell things out. Each section has review questions, the definitions and examples are easy to follow, and the chapters are just highly interesting. I would consider buying this book again just to have in my repertoire.

great learning tool...very comprehensive and perfect mate to DSM manual. Clear and concise presentations of therapy techniques used in diagnostics. Culturally sensitive and brings awareness to varying cultures perspectives on what may be considered abnormal and normal in a plethora of cultures. A must have for those desiring to understand the nature and process of abnormal psychology.

Personally, I'm growing to hate this book. It's unnecessarily wordy and the information often detours, so if you're looking to mind-map or note-take in a linear fashion, it may be hard. My professor even apologized on the first day, saying this textbook's not good but it's less clinically-written than others on the subject right now, so that's why we're using it.

This textbook is full of errors. Not only grammatical, but there is several informational errors as well. It is extremely poorly written and I'm surprised that Butcher, Mineka and Hooley would allow their names be associated with it. I have considered contacting each of them to inform them of the awful mess that they have allowed their names to be associated with. Maybe when Pearson decides to publish the 15th edition, they'll hire me to ghost write instead of the schlubs that ghosted this edition. It is truly terrible.

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