

Synopsis

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I bought this for class, and I'm enjoying reading it. It does a good job of explaining basic concepts in the first few chapters, and then moving on to specific examples in the later ones. The chapters feel short, and the book is an easy read. The combination of the class and this book solidified my decision to go into pharmacology.

I purchased this book for my Psychology Drugs and Behavior class, and I must say it was a tough read. Not only did the book have barely any pictures in it at all, but it also was set up to where there were two columns of writing on each page. I found myself very frustrated at times because I would read all of the way down a page only to have to go back to the top of the same page and read the second column. The book was also very confusing at times and just wasn't very interesting. I ended up doing very well in the class, but the book only hindered me.

Was this a first attempt at a textbook? As a senior in college I have read MANY textbooks and this one was farrrrr too wordy. Way too much extra irrelevant information in the various sections made it unorganized and difficult to read. When teaching a subject, stick to it, please. Chapter 4 was a waste of HOURS of reading, only 50% was useful for the subject at hand. There's no reason to go into such great detail when the topic is drugs and behavior, not neurological psychology. Beyond that, there was such a lack of clear explanation for most of the complicated and irrelevant information provided, skipping these little details would have majorly simplified everything. For professors looking for a clear textbook to teach a very interesting course, you'll have to cut out all the unnecessary junk in here, otherwise you'll be stuck with students like me who are frustrated and annoyed.

It is a great book to get in order to read along. I use this book to read over what the professor has

gone over in class and further understand the material. It's more of a summary but works great.

I love the layout of this text. Very straightforward, easy to understand, great for a graduate level course. I was very satisfied with this purchase.

Awesome book! Don't really read for courses, but this textbook is great! Just pay attention to the bold/highlighted words and you'll be good!

Well written, easy to read, and the author is funny to boot! I wish I had bought this book instead of just rented it.

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