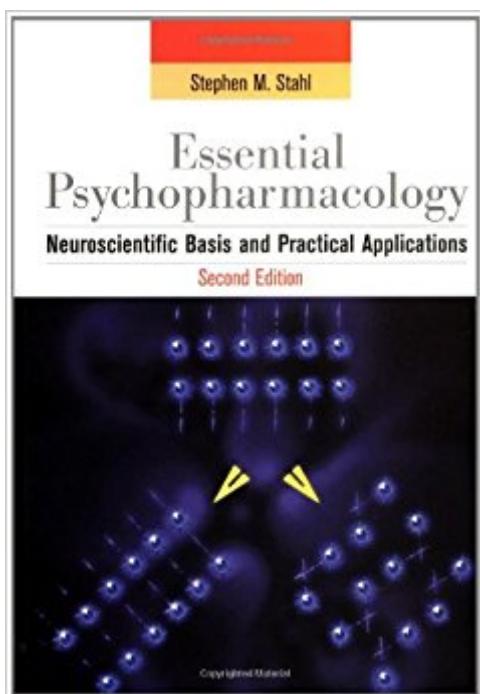


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Synopsis

Stahl's Essential Psychopharmacology has established itself as the preeminent source of education and information in its field. This much expanded second edition enlists advances in neurobiology, and recent clinical developments, to explain with renewed clarity the concepts underlying drug treatment of psychiatric disorders. New neurotransmitter systems, new theories on schizophrenia, clinical advances in antipsychotic and antidepressant therapy, new coverage of attention deficit disorder, sleep disorders and drug abuse, and a new chapter on gender and sexual psychopharmacology--these are all features of this edition. The fully revised text is complemented by many new illustrations, instructive and entertaining as before, and enhanced to reflect new knowledge and topics covered for the first time. The illustrations and their captions may be used independently of the main text for a rapid introduction to the field or for review, and self-assessment tests follow each chapter. Even more, this will be the essential text for students, scientists, psychiatrists and other mental health professionals, enabling them to master the complexities of psychopharmacology, and plan sound treatment approaches based on current knowledge. A Teacher's Set of Essential Psychopharmacology, second edition, consists of the hardback book plus a Mac/PC compatible CD-ROM, which contains all the figures from the text in cleverly crafted PowerPoint® presentations in two versions: the complete sequence of more than 500 animated figures from the textbook, and the same images without animation. The CME credit for this book has been expired in April 2006.

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Much expanded, fully revised, with many new illustrations, and with self-assessment tests following each chapter, this second edition enlists advances in neurobiology and recent clinical developments to explain with renewed clarity the concepts underlying drug treatment of psychiatric disorders. Features of this edition are new neurotransmitter systems, new theories on schizophrenia, clinical advances in antipsychotic and antidepressant therapy, new coverage of attention deficit disorder, sleep disorders and drug abuse, and a new chapter on gender and sexual psychopharmacology. This remains the essential text for students, scientists, psychiatrists and other mental health professionals.

Not much to say about the book itself as we all know (at least those reading this review) that "essential" means just that in this context and Stahl is brilliant. As far as the seller goes, I couldn't

dream up a complaint if I tried. VERY fast delivery and the book is in as good, if not better, condition than had been ascribed to it in the description, so thank you! Get off the fence if you have even a hint of hesitation about buying from this seller. Do it.

People love this book because of its pretty diagrams and the way it presents receptor mechanisms with clarity and certainty. This is very good for the beginner, but those who read primary sources will probably note at least two shortcomings. Firstly the effects of stimulating different receptors and the interactions between them are more complex and apparently contradictory than this book implies. The author has chosen to not give the reader even a general outline of how scientific evidence for the presented mechanisms has been accumulated. Secondly the author does not sufficiently review clinical trials which again give results that are not nearly as unequivocal as might be predicted from the models put forward. With the ungainly size of the newest edition it has become critically obvious that the text, in direct contrast to the elegance and conciseness of the graphics, is extremely repetitive and lacking in the very humor and inventiveness that so inspires the diagrams. You could easily cut the text in half producing a cheaper book without losing a single fact or concept. This would create a space for the omissions mentioned above. In summary this book is a great achievement but tends to downplay the uncertainties in the field and would benefit if editors eliminated some of the boring repetition.

I'm a highschool student looking to expand my knowledge of the brain as a whole, and this book offered an incredibly straightforward, humorous, and easy to understand overview of psychopharmacology. This book covered many subjects, and is vividly illustrated - to say the least. I would recommend this to any individual looking for an overview of psychopharmacology.

Great work, reference only. Very few can read and retain all of this unless you are Stahl. I was delighted to see a philosophical side in its writing!

When I was a pharmacy student, I bought this book to guide me through a general psychiatric pharmacy rotation. The book is incredibly well-written and very easy to understand. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about difficult to understand psych meds.

The graphics can be a bit cheesy, but this book makes it very clear and easy to understand

psychopharm.

The book is great. It is thorough and current. I work with elderly people with dementia and it is difficult sometimes to find the right drug, dose, and to manage behaviors. This book helps considerably.

Stahl's book "Essential Psychopharmacology: Neuroscientific Basis and practical Applications" is a fantastic book! It is lucid, simple, jargon free with fabulous illustrations. The simplicity and the clarity of his style are brilliant! He is one of the few psychiatrists that appear to have a considerable grasp on neuroscience and understands more than the prescription pad and the five minutes drive-by visit that psychiatrists provide to their patients. That in return has rendered their field into a pit-stop for drive-by prescriptions. I only hope that Stahl is truly independent of the pharmaceutical companies and is not influenced by their erratic studies and corrupt system. Unfortunately, most psychiatrists do not keep up with the latest developments in the field as Stahl appears to do. They have abandoned psychotherapy, and have become compliant agents of the pharmaceutical companies in order to make a good living. This type of ethics has converted them into an extinct dinosaurs drowning into an eroding profession. Kudos to Stahl on a marvelous book!!

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