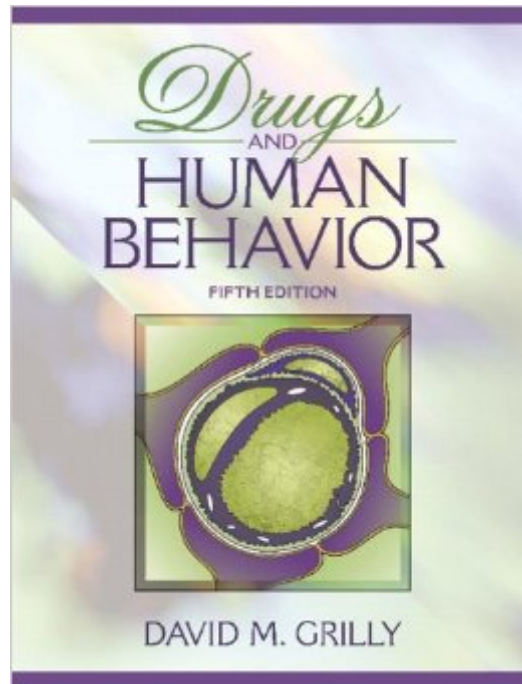


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This text introduces students to the field of psychopharmacology, with special emphasis on the relationships between drugs, their mechanisms of action in the nervous system, and human behavior. By examining human drug use from historical, societal, and biological perspectives, Grilly provides a rich foundation for understanding drugs affecting the brain and their usage. In addition to describing basic pharmacological principles, Grilly discusses the general factors behind drug tolerance, dependence, and abuse and approaches for dealing with these problems.

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I used this book in my psychopharmacology course in grad school and it gave me an excellent insight into the pharmacokinetic aspects of psychotropic drugs. I have found that, even after starting medical school, this is a book that I use over traditional pharmacology texts for drugs related to psychiatric disorders, those used for epilepsy, and opioid drugs. The book begins with an introduction to neurotransmitters and their common functions in the CNS. There are separate chapters for each class of psychotropic drug: antipsychotics, antidepressants, antiepileptics, opioids, ETOH, cannabinoids, dissociative anesthetics, and others that I am sure I am forgetting.

Each chapter includes the history of the drug, mechanisms of action, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics.

I have to read this for my Psychopharmacology class. It's an amazing book and I plan on re-reading it in the summer. It covers everything you need to know about how drugs interact with your body. For instance, I didn't know that we had a Blood Brain Barrier, and I didn't know that ANY drug can pass through the placenta into the fetus. It's an amazing book. I took off a star because of the layout. It's just really crammed tight and doesn't hold my interest. I understand there's so much information but it's a bit overwhelming with the way they have the book format everything.

This was an excellent book for those people interested in a psychopharmacological approach to the study of drugs. Each chapter builds on concepts introduced in the previous ones making the book both thorough and easy to follow. This is a must have for students, professors, or doctors involved in the pharmacological field.

This book is absolutely great! It is truly a complete book in all of its aspects! Whenever I don't fully understand something in class I always refer back to this book and it's a piece of cake! This book came in excellent condition just as mentioned and even before its shipping date! Absolutely recommend!

This book has very little white space. Paragraphs are smushed together and it takes effort to concentrate and read. Content is good. Presentation could be better.

I had one of the authors of this book as a teacher, he was knowledgeable and nice, but had a slight arrogance about him.

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