Abnormal Psychology: The Human Experience of Psychological Disorders

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Abstract

Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 1998, Vol 43(12), 831–832. Advanced textbooks on psychopathology have become relatively rare. The undergraduate market in abnormal psychology is saturated with at least 15 different books, but instructors teaching graduate-level courses often depend on selected readings from the primary literature. This new edition of Turner and Hersen’s edited textbook (see record 1997-08926-000) offers an alternative to fragmentary course packets composed of miscellaneous journal articles and book chapters. The third edition of Adult Psychopathology and Diagnosis is designed for graduate-level courses in clinical psychiatry, psychology, and psychiatric social work. It may also serve as a reference source for mental health professionals engaged in research and clinical practice. The editors are distinguished clinical psychologists who are in strong positions to view the current state of the field. Many of the authors of individual chapters are prominent investigators who have made important scholarly contributions to the topics that they have been chosen to review. By assembling this collection of brief essays regarding ethnic and cultural issues in relation to psychopathology, Turner and Hersen have done the field a great service. It is a truly unique and valuable feature of this book. Turner and Hersen’s textbook will appeal to instructors who want to emphasize diagnostic and assessment issues in an advanced course on psychopathology. It will also be useful for practicum students and experienced professionals who are looking for reviews and summaries of assessment devices aimed at specific types of mental disorders. The inclusion of featured sections on ethnic and gender issues in each chapter makes this edition a uniquely valuable resource for everyone in the field. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)

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Presenting the Human Experience of Psychological Disorders. In Richard Halgin and Susan Krauss Whitbourne's Abnormal Psychology: Clinical Perspectives on Psychological Disorders, students are shown the human side of Abnormal Psychology. Through the widespread use of current and highly relevant clinical case studies, the biographies and first-person quotations in the Real Stories feature, and the unique case media program Faces Interactive Online, students are presented with real-life portrayals of the disorders featured in the text. Abnormal psychology is the branch of psychology that studies unusual patterns of behavior, emotion and thought, which may or may not be understood as precipitating a mental disorder. Although many behaviors could be considered as abnormal, this branch of psychology typically deals with behavior in a clinical context. There is a long history of attempts to understand and control behavior deemed to be aberrant or deviant (statistically, functionally, morally or in some other sense), and there is often Request PDF on ResearchGate | Abnormal Psychology : The Human Experience of Psychological Disorders / | Bibliogr. s. 467-496. These clients often have unstable interpersonal relationships, experience depression characterized by feelings of emptiness, and are confused about their own identity (Halgin et al. 1997). Glickauf-Hughes et al. Published autobiographies written by individuals suffering from mental disorders can enrich abnormal psychology courses by complementing the outside-looking-in perspective of textbooks with an insider perspective. Autobiographies can serve as outside readings, lecture examples, primary texts for discussion sections, extra-credit assignments, and source books for topical seminars.