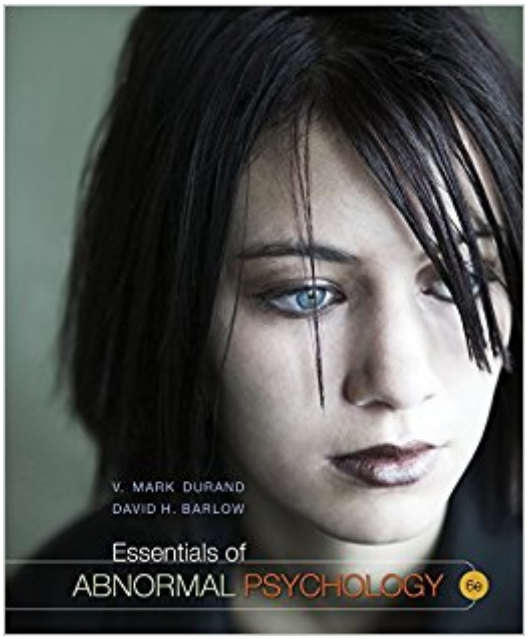
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Lots of info and includes stories and backgrounds on both of the author's own experiences with certain cases. Easy to read even though it's a lot of pages. It's interesting enough.

Brought as required textbook for UC San Diego PSYC100: Clinical Psychology.Used the textbook for the entire quarter with the class. This text provides a comprehensive overall approach to understanding the different forms of brain disorders from anxiety to eating disorders. In addition, there were brain disorders that I had not even heard of as well.It is a great text for class or to gain a further understanding on abnormal psychology and the field of clinical psychology.

I do not often review my textbooks, but this one was particularly well written. It does seem to be written toward the DSM-4, not the DSM-5, so you may want to pick up the DSM-5 Desk Reference (if not the full manual) to go with it. I'm nearly finished with my Associates and this is one of only 2 textbooks that I've decided to keep even after my courses are over.

This was an upper level PSYCH course and the book standard. No complaints. In fact its very easy to read, the language seems almost high school. I bought the E-Book for the IPAD and its fantastic. Cheaper, weighs nothing, bring it EVERYWHERE so you can access it whenever. No more man i wish i had my class book right now....Kindle account can be accessed from any computer BTW. The only downside is you can't sell it back...But i never sell my books back anyway. I like them on my bookshelf and hate being made a sucker by the bookstores. I only ever sell to friends for the price the book store would buy my book from me.. not the inflated price they resell it at and make huge profit. Also a few of the pictures did not transfer into the E-book do to copyright issues so once in a while youll miss a picture of sigmund freud or whatever but all of the book diagrams are there just not photos all the time. Its 20- 80 dollars cheaper for e-books so really the ipad pays for its self quickly and is very versitile.

I got this book for my abnormal psychology. I borrowed a copy from the library for a week and then knew I had to BUY the book. This is definately one I will put on my shelf and continue to refer to in the future. It includes the DSM-5 for many conditions and is an easy read.The authors go out of their way to convey the message. Their information is clear and easy to relate to. My teacher swears by this book and now I do as well! :)

Out of all my text books for school, this is the one that I enjoyed the most. The information is up to date and relevant to what is actually going on in the world. There are questions throughout each chapter to review the section you just read and also there are questions at the end of each one to summarize the reading as a whole. I definitely think this helped me to get such a good grade in this

class. I didn't feel as if I was spending the whole time studying taking notes since the study guides are so helpful. I learned more about myself in this class than any other that I have taken.

Not needed for your class

If you can move beyond the stereotypical troubled Goth girl cover photo, this book is a fine one. It was assigned for my Abnormal Psych class in college and was one of the textbooks I actually read (almost) all of and enjoyed. It begins each chapter with an example that it follows up on throughout the chapters. Good section arrangements, good visuals. If you do not have a psych background, there is an intro chapter that's a good start.

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