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While most abnormal psychology texts seem to aim solely for breadth, the acclaimed *Oxford Textbook of Psychopathology* aims for depth, with a focus on adult disorders and special attention given to the personality disorders. Now in its third edition, it has established itself as an unparalleled guide for professionals and graduate students alike. Esteemed editors Paul H. Blaney, Robert F. Krueger, and the late Theodore Millon selected the most eminent researchers in abnormal psychology to cover all the major mental disorders, allowing them to discuss notable issues in the various pathologies which are their expertise.

This third edition of the *Oxford Textbook of Psychopathology* is fully updated according to the DSM-5 and also reflects alternative, emerging perspectives in the field (e.g., the NIMH's Research Domain Criteria Initiative; RDoC). The *Textbook* exposes readers to exceptional scholarship, a history of psychopathology, the logic of the best approaches to current disorders, and an expert outlook on what researchers and mental health professionals will be facing in the years to come. With extensive coverage of personality disorders and issues related to classification and differential diagnosis, this volume will be exceptionally useful for all mental health workers, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers, and as a textbook focused on understanding psychopathology in depth, as well as a valuable guide for graduate psychology students and psychiatric residents.

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Lindsey says

With chapters written by different authors, there's a lot of variability in the presentation of the material. While I think it was a good text overall, it's tricky to assign as a text, because of the lack of consistency. In most places, the coverage is great, but things get a bit slip-shod around the personality disorders, making it a somewhat awkward companion to the DSM-IV. The chapter on the history of psychology is daunting, yet there is no coverage of (for example) the Pervasive Developmental Disorders. Certainly worth reading and having as a reference, but not to be assigned for an intro course.

Kimberly says

Excellent reference, but the text can be difficult to dredge through... Though some of the information warrants updating (in light of the DSM-5... particularly the section on personality disorders), this proved a helpful addition to the DSM for providing context to diagnosis. Good tool for mental health clinicians!
