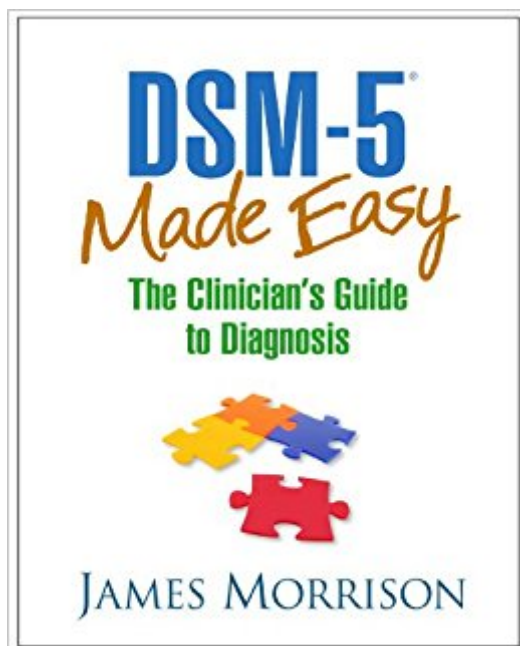


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DSM-5[®] Made Easy: The Clinician's Guide To Diagnosis



Synopsis

In this indispensable book, master diagnostician James Morrison presents the spectrum of diagnoses in DSM-5 in an accessible, engaging, clinically useful format. Demystifying DSM-5 criteria without sacrificing accuracy, the book includes ICD-10-CM codes for each disorder. More than 130 detailed case vignettes illustrate typical patient presentations; down-to-earth discussions of each case demonstrate how to arrive at the diagnosis and rule out other likely possibilities.

Providing a wealth of diagnostic pointers, Morrison writes with the wisdom and wit that made his guide to the prior DSM a valued resource for hundreds of thousands of clinicians and students. His website (www.guilford.com/jm) offers additional discussion and resources related to psychiatric diagnosis and DSM-5. See also Morrison's *Diagnosis Made Easier, Second Edition*, which offers principles and decision trees for integrating diagnostic information from multiple sources, and *The First Interview, Fourth Edition*, which presents a framework for conducting thorough, empathic initial evaluations.

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"This is the book I've been waiting for! Thorough and user friendly, DSM-5 Made Easy is a masterpiece of information, advice, and guidance. This comprehensive guidebook offers clinicians a wealth of helpful information. It is the best book of its kind and one that I will be consulting for years to come. Highly recommended."--Ellen Braaten, PhD, Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School "This is a wonderful book that really gets it right about psychiatric diagnosis. Importantly, Morrison understands that diagnosis is not about labeling but

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licensing exams often ask me to recommend a book on the DSM. Morrison's updated classic is the book I will now recommend. Following the outline of DSM-5, Morrison gives a brief overview of each diagnosis, describes its essential features, and presents a relevant case vignette. I particularly like this method of teaching from a case level. Graduate students, new professionals, and even seasoned clinicians will benefit from Morrison's clinical experience and practice wisdom. If you are searching for a practical, comprehensive, and easy-to-use text on DSM-5, look no further--this is your book."--Mark J. Brenner, PhD, ACSW, LICSW, Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator, School of Social Work, Bridgewater State University "This wonderful book is an excellent resource for practicing clinicians of all backgrounds and levels of experience. Reading DSM-5 Made Easy is like having an insightful colleague to consult on navigating DSM-5 and ICD-10-CM. Concise, thorough and extremely practical, the book is richly illustrated with quick guides, case discussions, and tables. Morrison has succeeded in providing an accessible guide to the often confusing task of diagnosing mental health problems. I will recommend this book to my students."--Denise D. Davis, PhD, Department of Psychology, Vanderbilt University "Accessible to students and experienced clinicians from all the mental health professions....The tone of the book is conversational, personal, and lively. The reader is 'walked through' the diagnostic process in a way that, especially to the student, would make evaluation seem manageable and masterable." (on the prior edition) (Clinical Social Work Journal 2013-10-16) "This is an enjoyable book full of captivating vignettes that highlight the criteria and diagnoses of DSM-5. In a fun and exciting way, the author reviews every DSM-5 diagnosis and the changes made from previous DSMs, with ICD-9 and ICD-10 code numbers. This is an excellent book for anyone interested in learning how to use DSM-5 to diagnose mental health disorders. The explanations are great, well balanced, and full of humor. It does not read like a textbook and it lives up to its title DSM-5 Made Easy. *****! (Doody's Review Service 2014-08-01) "This book is an invaluable guide to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), and to psychiatric disorders and their diagnosis. It incorporates a wide range of useful features. There are more than 130 case studies that illustrate the diagnostic process and side notes to highlight particular pieces of information relevant to the disorder and diagnosis. These case studies help to bring the diagnoses to life and explain them in real-world situations. Nursing students and mental health professionals, and anyone with an interest in mental health and wellbeing." (Nursing Standard 2015-04-06)

James Morrison, MD, is Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University in

Portland. He has extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. With his acclaimed practical books--including DSM-5 Made Easy; Diagnosis Made Easier, Second Edition; The First Interview, Fourth Edition; Interviewing Children and Adolescents, Second Edition; When Psychological Problems Mask Medical Disorders, Second Edition; and The Mental Health Clinician's Workbook--Dr. Morrison has guided hundreds of thousands of mental health professionals and students through the complexities of clinical evaluation and diagnosis.

Doctor Morrison's clinician's guide to the DSM IV was the single best book available and was a superb aide to those of us preparing for a licensing exam. The title, "made easy", might cause some to dismiss it but it lives up to that claim in a way that is insightful, analytically sound, and authoritative. Morrison also presented the material in a format that made sense and actually made the subject entertaining to someone with a serious interest in it. His guide to the DSM - 5 is equally well done and effective in discussing the new DSM intelligently and expertly. Changes in the various diagnoses are highlighted and some of the reasoning behind those changes are discussed but not the primary focus. Once again, he makes it all "easy" by actually making it clear and organizing it simply. There is no doubt Morrison is an expert diagnostician but there is no "talking down" or lecturing. His style invites the reader, whether beginning or experienced clinician, to explore the DSM with him as a guide. He writes superbly and anyone who has benefited from his work on the DSM IV will not hesitate to invest in this essential book. I have turned to his first text many, many times over the years and expect that will be the case as I integrate the DSM - 5 into my practice and find myself struggling with a particular diagnosis. It's a reliable resource and can often prove to be an invaluable reference to have at hand.

At times, when I'm doing an assessment, being that I don't know everything, I prefer to use this book rather than the DSM-5 itself. It has rationale as to why what you thought may have been incorrect as well as expounding on the nuance's of the DSM-5.

Great book to clarify the criterias in the DSM 5. The vignettes for each diagnosis really pulled it all together.

A wonderful companion book for the APA's almost unreadable DSM-5. Morrison does a great job of distilling what is really important about each psychiatric diagnosis, while giving you the "why" behind some of the APA's often mysterious thought processes.

The most helpful part of this book was the case studies for every single disorder. Other than that, it really doesn't offer any information that the DSM doesn't. But if case studies help you, totally worth the buy.

Content is great for learning the DSM 5 but there was something wrong with the way my copy was printed and bound. Very poor paper and tight binding made all the pages wrinkly. Some of the print is smeared and must have been wet when bound. I did buy used but these seem like binding issues not use issues.

I'm a new MSW student. The DSM-5 is widely utilized in clinical therapy, which I intend to practice in the future. I bought this book along with the social worker's dictionary to augment my studies and research while preparing for exams and studies at college. I am comfortable with my decision because these books are highly recommended for use in the field.

DSM-5 Made Easy is a must have companion on every mental health professional shelf. as a Mental Health Counselor in training I found this book to be the most helpful in explaining and addressing the complicated guide of the DSM. I believe that each student who had encountered the DSM-5 at first was confused and frustrated to navigate between codes, diagnosis criteria and conceptualizing a case. The DSM-5 Made Easy is the book to buy with the DSM-5 to better understand in a clearer, simplest way the challenging language of the DSM. I highly recommend this book. good luck to all of us.

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