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• anxiety disorders
• psychotic disorders
• autism spectrum disorders

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Synopsis
Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychopharmacology Made Simple offers everything you need to know about the use of psychoactive medications in the treatment of childhood and adolescent psychological disorders in easy-to-understand language. This fully revised third edition offers updated DSM-V definitions, new information regarding teen use of antidepressants and suicidality, information on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and ADHD medications, bipolar disorder, psychotic episodes and eating disorders in children and adolescents, the use of antipsychotics in children and adolescents, non-medication approaches and adjuncts to medications, and how to assess and treat noncompliance and "breakthrough" symptoms. Also included are fact sheets that clearly delineate frequently prescribed medications for each disorder along with medication side effects and signs of toxicity. For each psychological disorder, the book offers: current diagnostic criteria; treatment indications and contraindications; medication information; and help for monitoring, evaluating, and following up with patients. Whether you are a pediatrician, parent, therapist, educator, or other health care professional, this is the only resource you need to consult for the most up-to-date information on child and adolescent medications and treatment.

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Concisely covers the basics but doesn't provide much detail. Useful for a psychiatry rotation but probably not as a prescriber's reference. The Kindle version has some typographical problems.
Those of us who love the art and science of psychopharmacology are always on the look-out for the gems which will achieve a place in our libraries. This book, a must-have for any psychiatrist who works with both adults and children is laid out in a most readable and sensible manner. From pharmacokinetics to pharmacodynamics and clinical pearls, it leaves nothing to chance in providing all that one needs to practice safely the art, backed by science, of prescribing for children and adolescents, a contentious subject at the best of times. I very much enjoyed it and feel more confident in my prescribing for the younger patients in my care. Dr Seán Ó Domhnaill, MB DPM MRCPsych MCPsychl MSc PG Dip. CBT, Consultant Psychiatrist s.i. Neurodevelopmental Disorders.

Dr. Preston makes the subject understandable without talking down to the reader. I am a professor in a graduate school of psychology and teach psychopharmacology to students who are preparing to be psychotherapists, but mostly don’t have a science background. All of his psychopharmacology texts are comprehensive and entirely useful in clinical practice.

If you’re expecting to read something new, this isn’t the book to read. I was hoping to get some good pharmacology information regarding interactions or at least receptor preferences, but this is a very basic review that most child psychiatrists would consider extremely basic. If you’re not a child psychiatrist, this might be a great book for you. My colleagues however should opt for the McVoy and Findling text published a couple years ago...

Very difficult to immediately look up a specific drug. An index list of specific drugs, as opposed to categories, would prove more efficient and helpful. I found Kaplan and Sadock’s Pocket Handbook of Psychiatric Drug Treatment a much more helpful resource.

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