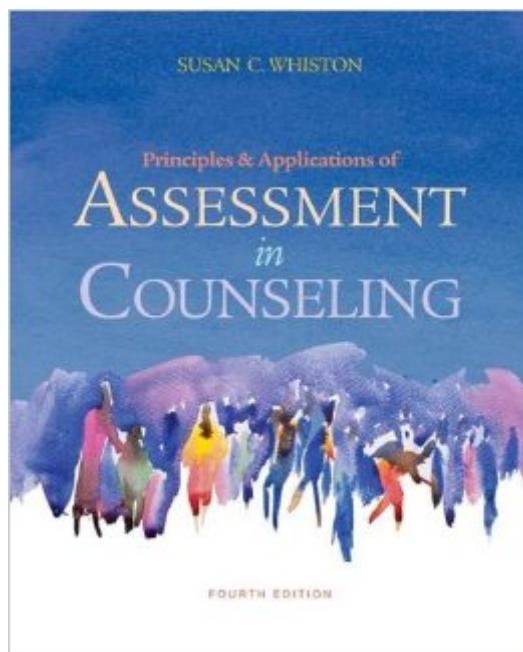


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This book is titled as "Principles & Applications of..." which is loaded with information about principles and applications. Do not expect to gather functional information that would be anywhere useful conducting actual assessments whether in private practice or in a psychiatric hospital. Most of what I learned about assessment I learned at my practicum site and now my present job.

Considerations for the authors would be to add a second textbook. I would call it "Functional Application of Assessment in Reality Land", this textbook would address assessments with clients presenting with psychosis, malingering, substance abuse/dependence, personality disorders (especially borderline d/o e.g., I'm going to sue you, I'm going to leave and kill myself), SI, HI with or without a plan AND so on. Text books at the graduate level have to be detailed to the actual world. This book taught me about the measures, tests, and forms, but never talked about how to use those measures, tests, and forms.

I found this book to be difficult to understand, and it didn't help me learn how to do assessments any

better. I learned more from my professor and trial and error. The book was not a fun or engaging read. When a subject isn't fun, you should do more to engage the reader (I was taking this course because I HAD to). I understand that Statistics is not a fun subject, but this just put me to sleep. Many of my classmates felt the same way. I usually keep all of my books, but this is one that can be sold with a smile. Thank GOD that I don't have to take it again.

Soooooo boring. This is not a favorite topic for most people yet it is necessary. I am suggesting to my university that we please start using a different book. Lots of fluff. Not written to keep the students interest.

The book may be exceptional (as my professor assures me) but the kindle version is not compatible with my kindle device. It is also incompatible with my iPhone, iPad and Mac computer where it presents not as a Kindle friendly document but as a PDF.

As the title says, the content is OK. It's not groundbreaking material or anything. It's a standard textbook for a class. The Kindle version however is not good. The text doesn't appear like many other books; instead, it looks as if they've taken each individual page and shrunk it. You can finger swipe (on the iPad anyway) to make it increase or decrease in size, but anyone who has ever read something magnified on a smartphone knows how irritating that can be. Also, the words/terms that are linked to vocabulary terms in the back are not highlighted in a dark color, but a light blue that is hard to see. The Kindle version definitely needs improvement.

The book came severely damaged. The pages don't stay within the hard cover of the book. For a textbook that I am renting and returning, I would expect higher quality. Especially since I would take great care in a textbook that I know someone else will need to use in the future for their classes.

Overall, the text was easy to read and clearly displayed the various aspects of assessment. There were many examples, and the material is organized well. However, there were not many questions to check what you had learned at the end of the chapter. You can find resources online, which is helpful, but the book itself does not have many questions or review.

For the past 16 months I've been reading textbooks so stultifyingly dry - so self-importantly inclusive of everything the author has ever heard - that Susan Whiston's Principles and Applications of

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