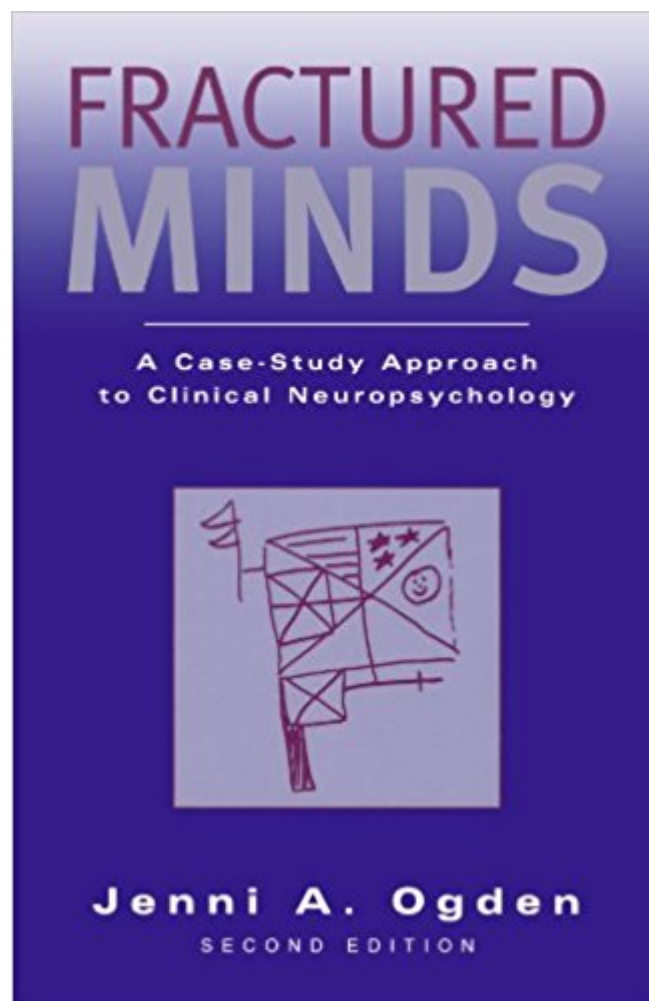




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Fractured Minds: A Case-Study Approach To Clinical Neuropsychology



Synopsis

Fractured Minds introduces the reader to clinical neuropsychology through vivid case descriptions of adults who have suffered brain damage. At one level, this is a book about the courage, humor, and determination to triumph over illness and disability that many "ordinary people" demonstrate when coping with the extraordinary stress of a brain disorder. On another level, it is a well-referenced and up-to-date textbook that provides a holistic view of the practice of clinical neuropsychology. Included are reader-friendly descriptions and explanations of a wide range of neurological disorders and neuroscientific concepts. Two introductory chapters are followed by 17 chapters that each focus on a specific disorder and include research, clinical assessment, rehabilitation, and a detailed case study. Disorders range across the full spectrum from common ones such as traumatic brain injury and dementia, to rare disorders such as autotopagnosia. Each of the 16 chapters retained from the first edition has been revised to reflect current research and clinical advances. Three new chapters on multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and Huntington's disease incorporate discussion of important current topics such as genetically-transmitted diseases, genetic counseling, gene transplantation, functional neurosurgery, and the complex ethical issues that go hand-in-hand with these new techniques. This informative and engaging book will be of interest to students of clinical psychology, neuropsychology, and neurology, health professionals who work with neurological patients, neurological patients and their families, and lay readers who are simply fascinated by the mind and brain.

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Unique book that you literally can't find. Ogden takes you through the basics of neuropsychology...the terms, concepts and the basics of clinical practice. Then she dives in with stories of patients she worked with in her practice. Great book for anyone interested in the brain, Oliver Sachs kinds of books and definitely for any undergrad in psychology that wants to know if this is a subfield of psychology they would enjoy. This was especially fascinating to me as someone who administers neuropsychological testing to patients.

Dr. Ogden brings to life the case study approach. She writes well, clear and is informative. She gives us basic definitions in neurology and spells them out clearly; the difference between alexia and dyslexia, for example. She focuses on the machinery at the neurologists disposal and the testing battery of the neuropsychologist. She tells how each person tends to be one minute normal, the next, no so. She follows closely how something like neurotoxicity develops, a people cope with neurological illness and follows them in treatment. The book is full of learning material. I highly recommend it to the practicing psychologist or neuropsychologist, or someone curious about how the brain functions.

I had to purchase this as a textbook for a neuropsychology class and it was actually very well written. I'll probably read some of the stories we weren't assigned just because they were very informative and personal. Good for school and real life learning as well, especially if you know someone dealing with any of the diseases in the book.

This book was required for a class, but I found the case studies to be pretty engaging.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about the field of neuropsychology. Ogden offers a basic overview of neuroanatomy and neuropsychology terminology then separates the book into several clinical case examples going over different types of neuro diagnoses. Very informative read, and her approach is much more interesting than most neuro texts.

First chapter is very good reading, I am looking forward to the rest.

Great book!

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