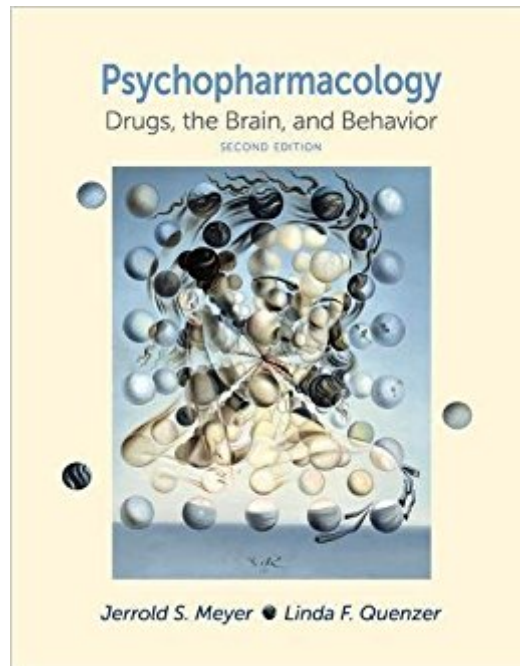




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Psychopharmacology: Drugs, The Brain, And Behavior



Synopsis

The first edition of *Psychopharmacology: Drugs, the Brain, and Behavior*, published in 2004, was unique in its breadth of coverage ranging from historical accounts of drug use to clinical and preclinical behavioral studies to the latest research on drug effects in transgenic mouse models. Now extensively updated, the new second edition features:

- *A new and timely discussion of emerging substances of abuse such as *Salvia divinorum*, "spice" or "K2," and "bath salts"
- *Presentation of key biological concepts such as epigenetics to help students understand current ideas about how mental illnesses arise and how drugs act on the brain to treat these illnesses
- *Two new chapters that provide detailed information on various neurodegenerative disorders and the effects of neurotoxicants and endocrine disruptors on brain function and behavior
- *A student Companion Website that contains outlines, flashcards and key terms, select animations, and web boxes for further exploration
- *An Instructor's Resource Library that contains all textbook figures and tables, lecture PowerPoints, and a test bank.

Student engagement with the material is fostered by opening each chapter with a relevant vignette and by providing breakout boxes presenting novel and, in some cases, controversial topics for special discussion. Box themes include History of Psychopharmacology, Pharmacology in Action, Clinical Applications, and The Cutting Edge. The book is lavishly illustrated with full-color photographs and line art depicting important concepts and experimental data.

Psychopharmacology: Drugs, the Brain, and Behavior, Second Edition is appropriate for undergraduate or beginning level graduate courses in psychopharmacology or drugs and behavior that emphasize relationships between the behavioral effects of psychoactive drugs and their mechanisms of action.

RESOURCES For Students

New for the Second Edition, the *Psychopharmacology Companion Website* includes a variety of resources to help students learn and review the material presented in the textbook, and to expand the coverage of the textbook. The site includes the following:

- *Chapter Outlines
- *Animations: Detailed, narrated animations of some of the key complex processes described in the textbook
- *Web Boxes presenting novel or cutting-edge topics for special discussion
- *Web Links: A collection of suggested websites related to each chapter
- *Flashcards & Key Terms: A great way for students to learn and review the key terminology introduced in each chapter

For Instructors

Available to qualified adopters of the textbook, *Psychopharmacology's Instructor's Resource Library* provides instructors with a range of resources to help them prepare their lectures and assess their students. The IRL includes the following:

- *Textbook Figures & Tables: All of the figures (art and photos) and tables from the textbook are provided both as high-resolution and low-resolution JPEG images.
- *PowerPoint Presentations: Two presentations are provided for each chapter of the textbook:

- All figures and tables from the chapter,

ready to insert into custom presentations -A complete lecture presentation that includes comprehensive lecture notes and selected figures *Test Bank (see below for details) *Computerized Test BankIncluded in the Instructor's Resource Library, the Psychopharmacology Test Bank includes 50 test questions per chapter, consisting of approximately forty multiple-choice, and ten short-answer. The questions have been designed to provide instructors with a good selection of factual and conceptual questions, at a range of difficulty levels. The test bank is provided as Microsoft Word files.In addition to the Microsoft Word version of the Test Bank, all questions are available in Wimba's Diploma test-creation software (software included). Diploma makes it easy to create quizzes and exams using any combination of publisher-provided questions and your own questions, and to print or publish your exams for online use.

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This is a very well written textbook intended for upper-level undergraduates or first year graduate students, but it is also very appropriate for non-professionals who are interested in how learning

more about various drugs and how they affect the brain and behavior. The topics are presented in a very logical order: 1) overview of basic neurobiology 2) detailed review of various neurotransmitters, their functions, and drugs that affect them 3) in depth chapters on various classes of drugs such as alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, etc. The writing is way above average for a textbook, explanations are well presented and filled with examples. Also, the bibliography section is great for those who want to explore more, and read the relevant primary and review papers.

My professor who is a psychologist with a master degree in psychopharmacology recommended this book. It has been great and I would suggest it for others!

Exceptional coverage of an expanding field. The online companion website is particularly useful and, as a college student, I was pleased that the companion was free (and also accessible even without the book!).

Alright book for anyone interested on the effect of drugs on the brain

Great book for my psychopharmacology class. Perfect condition too.

Book came on time. Aced the class.

Had to get this book for a class. It's okay, but the way things are explained is a bit confusing- I had to read the same paragraph several times to get an idea of what the author was trying to say. Additionally, there were subjects that were just barely brushed on, although they were important to understanding entire concepts.

This text clearly and concisely explains all the basics of neuroscience. It then moves into the most cutting edge research and knowledge about treatments in psychopharmacology. I am interested in a very new and little known area of treatment, and was surprised to see it in this text. I am loving reading each day and am finding the information exciting. A great textbook.

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