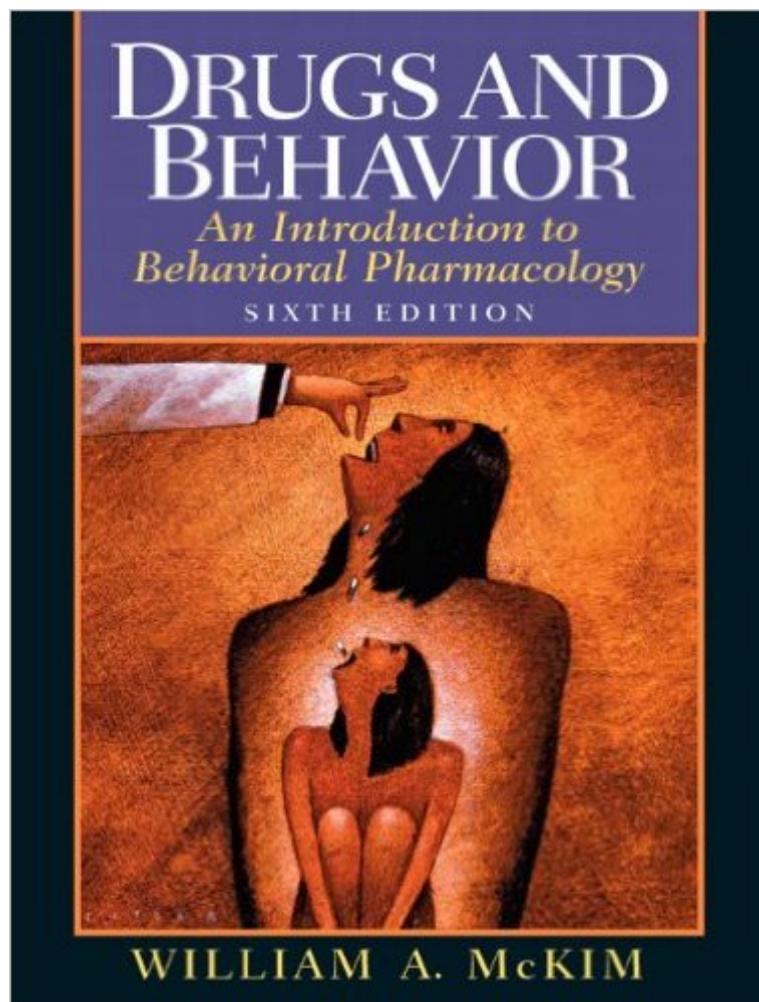


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Synopsis

For undergraduate courses in Drugs and Behavior Psychopharmacology, as well as graduate survey courses in Psychopharmacology. This text gives an up-to-date description of the field of Behavioral Pharmacology. It starts by describing basic pharmacological concepts of drug administration and pharmacokinetics, research methodology including clinical trials, tolerance and withdrawal, drug conditioning, addiction processes, and neuroscience of drug action. Each chapter, thereafter, applies these concepts to different classes of both recreational and therapeutic drugs. Each chapter includes a section on the history of the drug class that places the drug in its historical and social context. It is written to be understandable to students without a background in Pharmacology or Neuroscience or Psychology.

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Customer Reviews

I am using this book to teach an undergrad course on neurochemistry and behavior. Since we are squeezing a semester into 6 weeks, this book (which is fairly concise at just over 400 pages) was a good choice. The first 5 chapters are a solid overview of pharmacology, behavior analysis, and the (very) basics of neuroscience. The remainder of the chapters deal with specific drugs (or classes thereof). However, I don't think I would use it to teach a full-term course. The depth is rather uneven, with some chapters barely skirting the surface of some topics and digressions into experimental minutiae in others. Also, the drug chapters fall into a very predictable pattern (history, pharmacokinetics, effects on unconditioned behavior, effects on conditioned behavior,

self-administration, etc., etc.) which, though I can appreciate it from an organizational standpoint, became very tedious to teach (and read) after the first few.

It gets the job done, if you can manage to read it. Considering the day and age of science, this book could be a lot less dry. It sounds like it was written by someone who didn't really care for the topic.

I took a BU course on Drugs and Behaviors, and this was one of two books my professor recommended we get. I found it very helpful. Every time we had a quiz I would read over the material on that chapter in this book. It helped me to fill in the gaps of information I had missed in class and my notes, and also just to help refresh my memory. Sometimes, mainly with the first chapter or two we studied, there was some information I didn't need to know, but once we got into the specific types of drugs- SSRIs, Anti-psychotics, Mood stabilizers- most of the information was helpful. I really recommend this book. It was so helpful to me and I don't know what I would have done without it.

This is one of the better textbooks I have read. It is well written, concise and easy to understand. Concepts were explained well, and verbosity and tangential information were avoided. In addition, the small size and paperback cover made it easy to transport and handle.

This is a great text for information about drugs and behavior. I used it for my psychopharmacology class and found it incredibly helpful.

Thorough with the topics covered; peaked my interest more so in the field as well as kept my attention throughout the book.

As someone interested in pharmacology, I found this to be a GREAT textbook. Very informative and easy to follow.

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