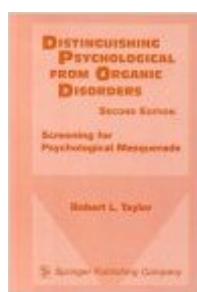


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"Distinguishing Psychological from Organic Disorders: Screening for Psychological Masquerade" is an excellent orientation and foundation for the beginner, and the proficient in the field of psychology and counseling. It is a direct and straight forward review of medical disorders that pass for psychiatric illnesses. I have used the book since it first came out in teaching graduate students in a Masters Program, as well as, in a Doctoral Program. Students find it easy to read and more important easier to understand and apply to case formulations and to case dispositions. I have recommended this textbook to many other faculty members for both their own background fund of information, as well as, for their use in teaching. Libraries, at several schools have ordered the book based on my recommendation. Robert Taylor has kept the book up-to-date and practical through several editions including when it was first released as "Mind or Body: Distinguishing psychologic from organic" back in 1982. I have also given it to clients to read relevant chapters in order to better understand themselves or their relatives and family members. Many have enjoyed it enough, that they have purchased the book for themselves. I am a Psychologist, a member of the National Registry of Health Care Providers in Psychology, and have been working in this field since 1972 and I have been a faculty member for the last fourteen years and this is one of the best books in the area of teaching psychodiagnostics that I have used to teach this material. It has been consistently rated the highest scores by students who have taken my classes, they only wish the other texts that I use would be as easy to digest and apply -they say that it "...sets their expectations high for the other texts..."

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