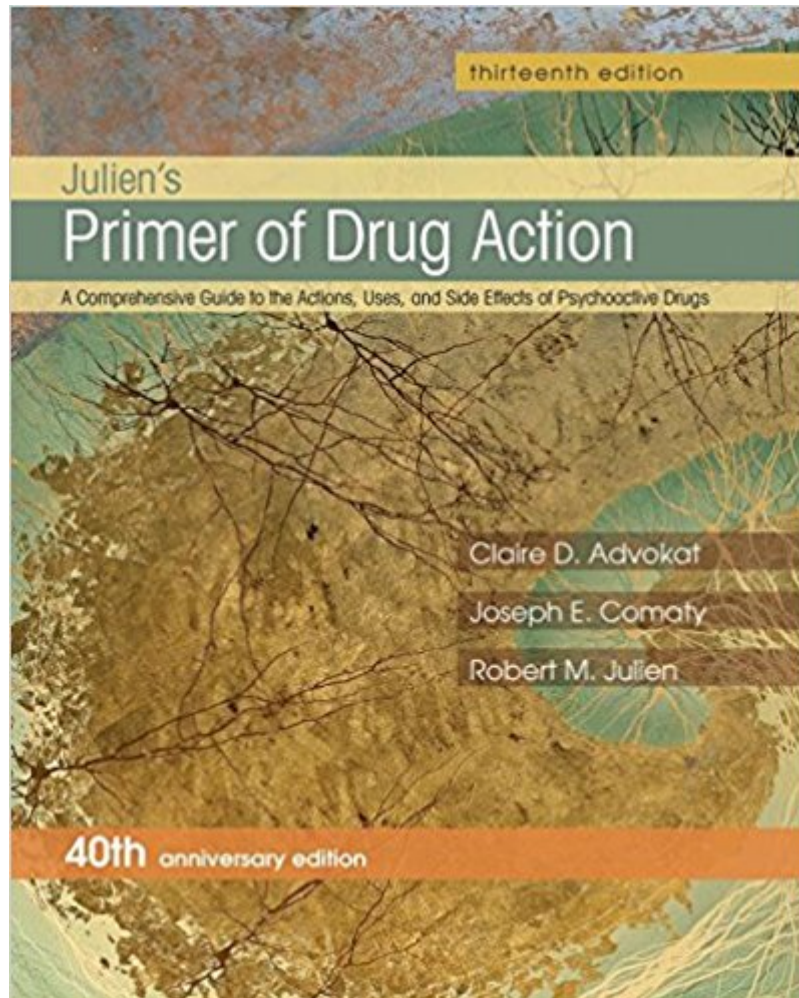




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This new edition is a great update. The information is as up-to-date as can be expected in our drug influenced culture and well written and helpful enough for any education level regarding the power of drug actions on the nervous systems--including the brain effects with biopsychology implications. I have appreciated how it touches on the social/emotional and cultural implications of each drugs' use as well. This text has been of great personal help to me as a licensed Substance Abuse Disorder Counselor to understand the question of "Why can't they just quit?" It has met and exceeded my expectations.

Given that my previous edition was the 2nd Edition, this 13th addition "caught-me-up" on about 30 years of research and some of the way language has changed. For example, we no longer refer to a junkie as an addict. We have removed both terms: junkie and addict. We now refer to such persons as having a "substance use disorder." Despite the Federal Agency which uses the term "drug abuse," political correctness has gone far in trying to eradicate the use of the term; "abuse." The book features new chapters, new substances and the results of brain site activity and brain and other receptor findings.

Bought for a psychopharmacology course. This book has a thorough explanation of a variety of

drugs and how they work. I never keep my textbooks, but I held onto this one! Seriously the bible of drugs and their effects.

I have an older version, the update is good.

This has EXCELLENT information about psychoactive substances. I'm using it for reference with my therapy practice when alcohol and drug issues arise and I need some more information. It's very detailed and can provide some great information. For me, it's been personally very helpful.

I am a nurse in an addiction certification course. I am so impressed with the accessibility of information in this book. I have been exposed to this info through my training but this textbook is so excellent I really feel like I am LEARNING it! Great resource - very up to date.

not a good resource. hard to read and comprehend.

This book is extremely hard to follow. I was not taking a class to be a neurologist, just to understand what drugs do to and how they interact with the body.

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