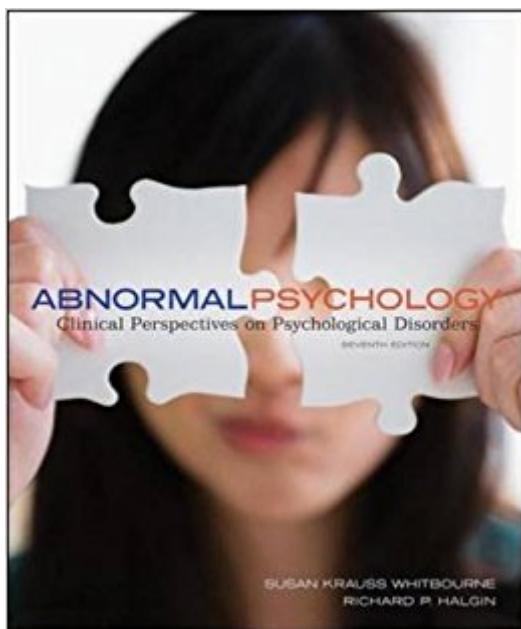


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# Abnormal Psychology: Clinical Perspectives On Psychological Disorders With DSM-5 Update



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Goes into a good amount of detail about almost everything and gives a good definition for the majority of the words. Not really for people without some sort of psychology knowledge though as some background knowledge is needed for the words they don't define

I like McGraw-Hill textbooks. They are easy to read and are very interesting. I especially like the case studies at the beginning of each chapter.

Helped me a lot in my psychology class. It is a book that is easy to read, good quality, and great information.

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