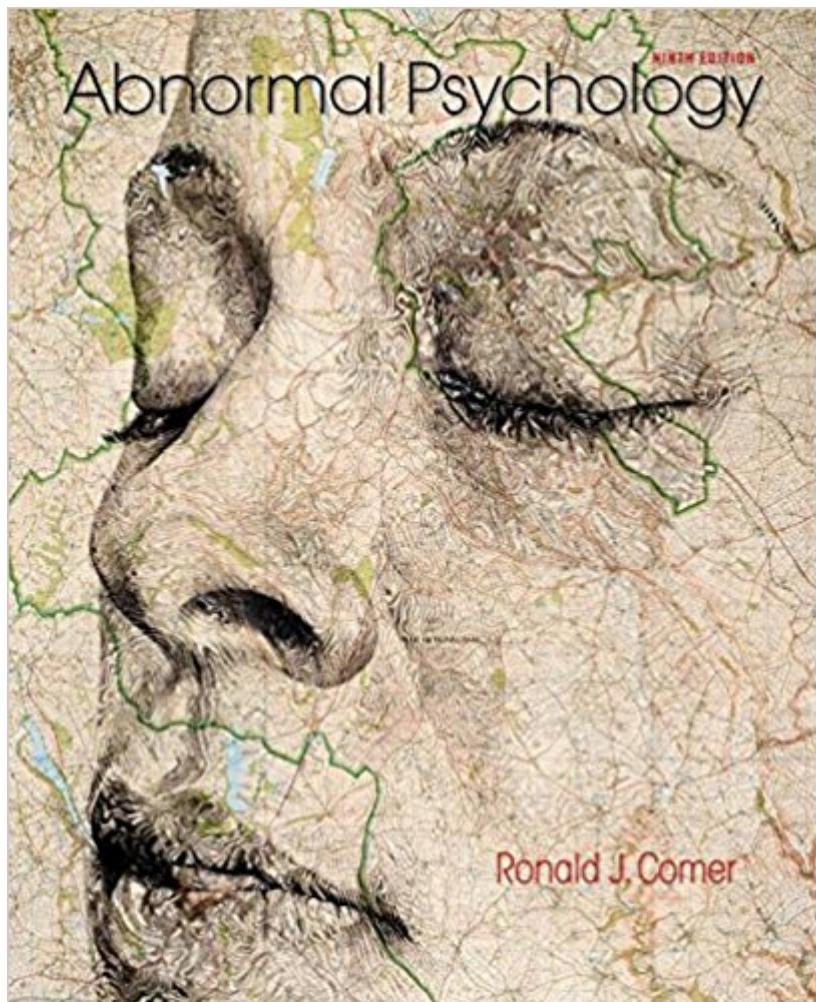


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# Abnormal Psychology



## **Synopsis**

An award-winning teacher, accomplished researcher, and experienced therapist, Ron Comer knows how to communicate the complexities of the abnormal psychology, to speak to the concerns of students, and to portray the real human impact of psychological disorders. With its signature integrated coverage of theory, diagnosis, and treatment, and remarkably inclusive cross-cultural perspective, this new edition of Comer's widely adopted textbook shows students where the study and treatment of psychological disorders stand today. In addition to a thorough updating, the new edition employs some extraordinary interactive tools to bring students face to face with the realities of psychological dysfunction, organized for easy access and assignability in LaunchPad, Worth Publishers' breakthrough online course space. What's in the LaunchPad

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ronald Comer has been a professor in Princeton University's Department of Psychology for the past 27 years and has served as Director of Clinical Psychology Studies for most of that time. He is also currently the director of the department's undergraduate program. Professor Comer has received the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching at the university. His course "Abnormal Psychology" is one of the university's most popular, and he has offered it almost every year since his arrival at Princeton. He is also a practicing clinical psychologist and serves as a consultant to the Eden Institute for Persons with Autism and to hospitals and family practice residency programs throughout New Jersey. Additionally, he holds an adjunct position as Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In addition to his abnormal

psychology textbooks with Worth Publishers, Professor Comer has also published a number of journal articles in clinical psychology, social psychology, and family medicine. Professor Comer was an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania and a graduate student at Clark University. He currently lives in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with his wife, Marlene, and their dog, Annie. From there, he can keep an eye on his sons Greg, a resident of New York, and Jon, currently a Philadelphian and on the resurgent Philadelphia sports teams with whom he grew up. "

This book, as far as text books go, was easy to follow and read. As a plus, the chapters were in line with the DSM-5 fifth edition, which I also using for my class, so that was an added bonus. Not a lot of people are going to be purchasing this for a bit of "everyday reading", but if you are looking for something to supplement your classroom text or are just interested in Abnormal Psychology, I really enjoyed this book. It made an effort to draw you into the text by giving examples of situations and people that have REAL examples of the disorders that were going to be discussed in each chapter and the language used wasn't overly scientific to the point that your head wanted to explode. I found it informative and down to earth, both a plus in my world!

Purchased for a college course, only to love it so much, I kept it! It is written perfectly for anyone reading to easily grasp the material, and is so interesting it's virtually impossible to give up when the semester ends. My daughter has already snatched it twice, and I'm ordering again it's so good. Very rare that assigned readings are intriguing enough to keep your attention and leave you wanting more. It was so good, fellow professors switched to this text for their students! Fantastic text!

I know there are a few professional critiques of the author's coverage, but the textbook has enough modern references and enough explanations about historical treatment of mental illness to be both relevant to life today, and to do justice to the ground covered by the experts in the field. For a 200-level college class, I felt this was appropriate complexity of information. Our instructor also required the online course membership, so I got the extra video clips (some a bit dated) and quizzes that were directly related to the subject matter. Good enough textbook that I'll plan to keep it for my psych rotation in nursing school, just for reference.

This text is probably as good as it gets for an introductory text book to abnormal psychology. For me, one drawback to the text (which by its own nature must be) is that it presents the mental health world in a way that looks and sounds very much like the view of the APA, DSM medical model-ish

need to fix you view of mental health. So therapists or aspiring therapists practicing feminism, narrative, humanistic-existential, transpersonal, mindfulness, experiential / in the now, expressive arts, community mental health or community psychology, etc. will need to read with a grain of salt. I like the idea the author has included multi-cultural dimension to the world of the mind and mental health. Falls short as the author seemingly tries to justify the idea you can define the concept of mental disorder or psychological disorder. ADHD is an area I have done quite a bit of research. It seemed to me the text presents the classic "ADHD is a mental disorder" view and could be more imaginative presenting factors of creativity, person-environment fit, personality and school structures as a one size fit all as needing examination before pronouncing a diagnosis. However, regarding ADHD the text does a good job regarding gender and cultural biases in the diagnosis of ADHD as well as suggests there is over diagnosis of ADHD in the USA and for boys. However, overall the book is very well written and presents much insights into challenges which can face people. Would use if teaching a undergrad or even a grad class in abnormal psych.

I absolutely love renting from ! Textbooks for college and so expensive and this is so convenient when I buy everything off of anyway! This book was such a wonderful price and in great shape! Very impressed!

I bought this for a friend of mine and she's completely happy with it so 5 stars it is!

I bought this book for my abnormal psychology class, and this book is informative and the updated information in the book is great. It has the updated dsm information.

This is one of the easiest to read textbooks I've ever seen. It's set up with a magazine type format, complete with sidebars and jokes (New Yorker magazine style). It's up to date and addresses the current DSM-IV-TR with expectations for the soon to be released DSM-V. I ordered the loose leaf version since it was less expensive, not sure if I would like it, and it's turned out that I prefer this setup. I can remove a chapter or a few pages and hold them to read - much more comfortable and portable than handling the whole book all the time. I hope other texts are available in this format! Ginny G.

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