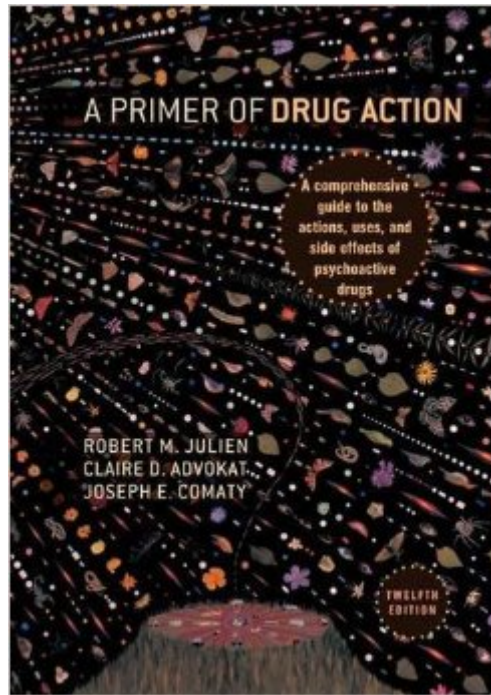


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Edition after edition, Robert Julien's A Primer of Drug Action keeps pace with one of the most dynamic fields of scientific inquiry, giving students immediate access to the most current research and promising new directions in psychopharmacology. Rigorously updated throughout, the new edition again takes its place as the definitive guide to the drugs that affect the mind and behavior. As always, it is clear, comprehensive, objective, and authoritative, spanning a wide variety of drug types, including sedatives, depressants, stimulants, analgesics, psychedelic drugs, steroids, and drugs used to treat psychological disorders. To visit Robert Julien's blog that accompanies A Primer of Drug Action, [click here](#).

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I have been using Dr. Julien's text to teach Intro to Clinical Psychopharm for several editions now, and it just keeps improving. Not only is he dedicated to providing a balanced view of psychotropic medications--which can be rare in writings in this area--but he understands and emphasizes the need to balance any medication treatment with behavioral therapy or psychotherapy. For teachers: if you are interested in adopting this text to teach a class, there are great online resources available, including images, powerpoint slides, and a test bank. I tend to use my own slides, but incorporate many of the book's figures, charts, and diagrams into lectures. I tried Preston et al for a couple of years, but found it too simplistic for the graduate level. I know many other profs choose that one, and I would say I'm about 70-30 in favor of Julien. Hope this helps

This is one of the best books I have read on this subject! The authors make it an easy read and incredibly thorough- this book covers **MANY** topics! I would highly recommend this text, especially for a college course. I used it for a psychopharmacology class.

This book is an excellent resource in understanding psycho pharmacology. I have been using it for a class and It has all of the information that I need. It is a little dense but thoroughly covers each drug.

This is my 2nd procurement of this book. The reason I am buying it again is b/c I used the first one so much it fell apart. I only wish it were available in hardback so it would hold up to high usage.

I'm about a 150 pages in and I find the material fascinating. It's truly amazing all of the effort that has been applied to the development of these CNS drugs. However, one thing that has begun to annoy the heck out of me is the depiction of chemical structures for various drugs described within. The choice of format is inconsistent. For instance, the depiction of alkyl chains switches from condensed format (i.e. lines, like how it would be produced in ChemDraw) to expanded (i.e. writing out CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>) for no reason at all (and sometimes within the same molecule). Another example, one drug structure had an aryl halide bond but the structure did not specify the position on the ring. I found myself searching the generic drug name in Wikipedia or Google just to find a better structure image. Maybe it's because I was trained as an organic chemist, but I find this lack of attention to detail just lazy.

if you want to know about psycho-active drugs, look no further. The author gives a brief background on the illness, efficacy, side effects and throws in chemistry for a full picture of all the psych meds you ever wanted to know about.

This is a classic work that provides basic information as well as more advanced information on psychoactive drugs. The work has been new chapters and has been written by a team of three members including Dr. Julien.

The book is very informative about the effects of drugs on the mind and the body. This was a very handy resource for anyone in the profession of mental health.

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