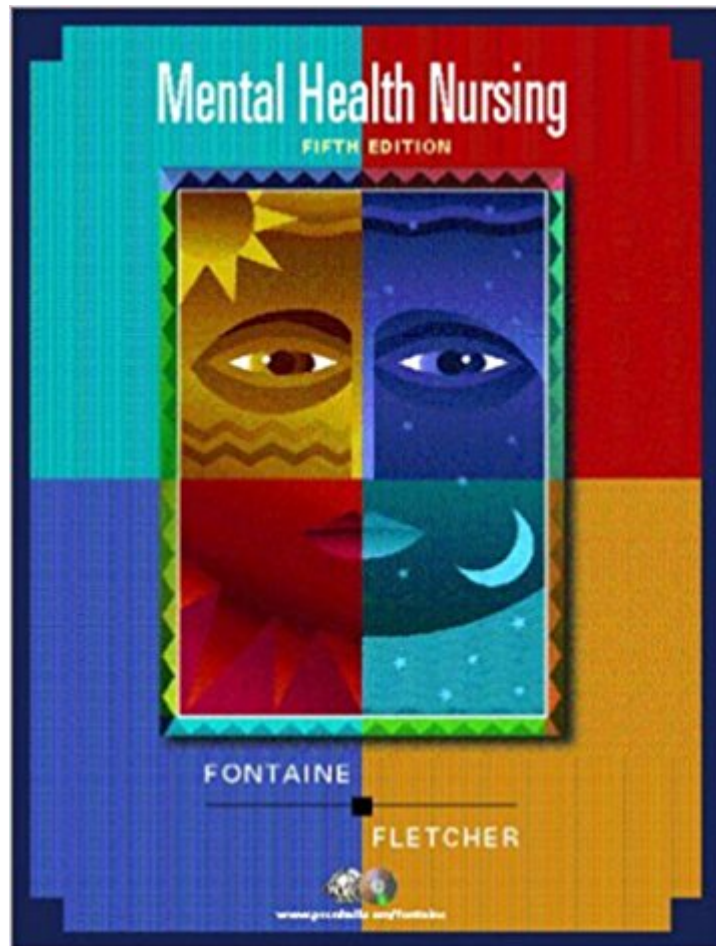




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There are some useful diagrams and charts in the book, and the end-of-chapter questions and "focus your study" reviews are good, as is Appendix D, which goes over and explains the correct answers. The "knowledge base" sections of each chapter are decent and give a reasonable overview of the various conditions. However, the book is also quite repetitive and choppy. Breaking down illnesses by learning, behavior, cognitive, etc. theories is silly, since no one theory adequately explains each illness. I don't need to read the same assessment questions over and over in each chapter. My main objection, however, is how the author repeatedly injects her personal and political biases into the text, and she seems not to like American culture very much. It's not nearly as sexist, homophobic, or immigrant-unfriendly as she makes it out to be. I don't care what her political views

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Great book. Helped me get my RN license.

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