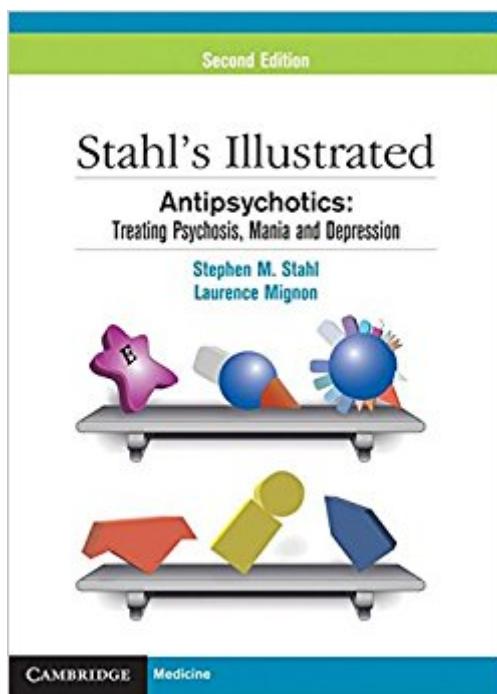


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# **Stahl's Illustrated Antipsychotics: Treating Psychosis, Mania And Depression**



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All of the titles in the Stahl's Illustrated series are designed to be fun. Concepts are illustrated by full-color images that will be familiar to all readers of Stahl's Essential Psychopharmacology, Third Edition and The Prescriber's Guide. The visual learner will find that these books make psychopharmacology concepts easy to master, while the non-visual learner will enjoy a shortened text version of complex psychopharmacology concepts. Within each book, each chapter builds on previous chapters, synthesizing information from basic biology and diagnostics to building treatment plans and dealing with complications and comorbidities.

This book, "Stahl's Illustrated Antipsychotics," is one in a series of "Stahl's Illustrated [psychiatric texts]" and I expected it to be printed in color on quality paper like others in the series I've ordered and received. But this one is printed in black & white on cheap paper. The cost was not less than for the companion texts printed in color, and in fact the preface to this black-and-white disaster states "All concepts are illustrated in full-color images." Well, they are not, and it is a depressing and difficult book to read, because most of the pages are given over to illustrations with legends that refer you to "the pink X" and so forth, quite hard to distinguish in black and white. Perhaps this book was part of a misprinted run, but there seems no reasonable avenue to discover that. I could return the book to the seller, , but I want the information, so I would have to try an exchange, which is too much trouble for what I think is no chance of success (I could find no provision for a customized return complaint that would indicate the nature of the defect). I am annoyed with the lack of quality control of the book's publisher, Cambridge University Press, but more so with for providing no reasonable way to submit an inquiry about a defect that is probably pervasive in the stock on hand.

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