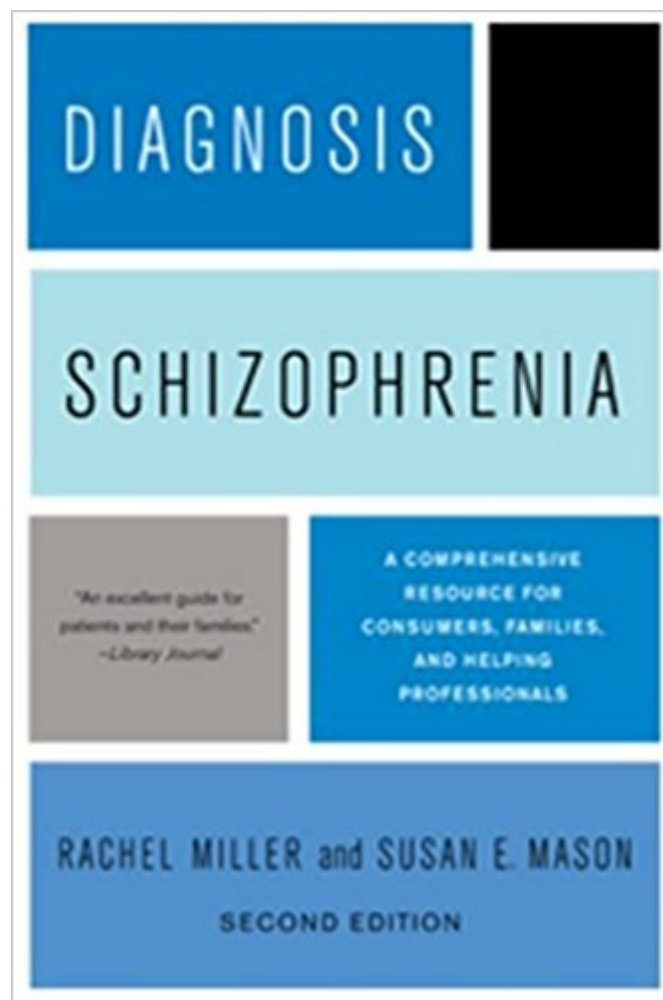




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# Diagnosis: Schizophrenia: A Comprehensive Resource For Consumers, Families, And Helping Professionals



## Synopsis

In this book, thirty-five young, recently diagnosed patients speak about schizophrenia and the process of recovery, while two specialists illuminate the medical science, psychoeducation, and therapeutic needs of those coping with the illness, as well as access to medical benefits and community resources. A remarkably inclusive guide, the volume informs patients, families, friends, and professionals, detailing the possible causes of schizophrenia, medications and side effects, the functioning of the brain, and the value of rehabilitation and other services. In their dialogues, participants confront shame, stigma, substance use, and relapse issues and the necessity of healthy eating, safe sex practices, and coping skills during recovery. Clinicians elaborate on the symptoms of schizophrenia, such as violent and suicidal thoughts, delusions, hallucinations, memory and concentration problems, trouble getting motivated or organized, and anxiety and mood disorders. Adopting an uplifting tone of manageability, the participants, authors, and clinicians of this volume offer more than advice; they prescribe hope.

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"These stories tell of experiences that all of us diagnosed with schizophrenia can relate to, so we don't feel so alone. And the more people know about their illness, the easier it is to cope with the symptoms and the more willing they will be to accept treatment, including medication. I wish I had this book when I first got sick." (Tina, outpatient)...very important guide to schizophrenia... (Daria Dibitonto Metapsychology)

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I have not actually receive my book yet however I have read this book through the current library and I absolutely love this book. It is easy to understand read and comprehend. I would buy again and would recommend for those that want to understand this disease. I am in my undergraduate studies in psychology; however, as I move in my graduate studies I know that this book will be beneficial in understanding abnormal behaviors and diseases within mental health.

I am a consumer with schizoaffective disorder. I purchase books but do not do much reading. When I got this book out of the public library, I kept it, 'way past its due date. Whenever I am in a waiting room, out comes Diagnosis: Schizophrenia. I wish that this book had been available to me when I first became mentally ill! I spent years in denial and doubt about the medications. The descriptions of symptoms are convincing ("This is me!"), and the kicker is the last narrative chapter where patient after patient tells about being restored to normal reasoning and productivity. I do not consider this book to be dated at all. Highly recommended for consumers who may be considering noncompliance with treatment. When I get some money, I intend to purchase my own copy to lend to friends.

This is the perfect book for people recently diagnosed with schizophrenia and their family members. It clearly and simply describes the condition and treatment process. Throughout every chapter are firsthand accounts by patients about their experience. Like many others, I had only a superficial understanding of this illness when my son was diagnosed. This book gave me a good overview and a better understanding of what he is going through.

I would recommend reading the Wikipedia article on SZ if you're interested in learning more, it's

about as useful and much shorter.

This review is in Spanish, but in general it was very helpful for my, its a easy reading book that provides general concepts and terms for family and professional. Es un libro sencillo, corto, fácil de leer y bastante completo. Es un buen comienzo para ir ampliando la lectura con otros libros más específicos. Pero en particular este libro, como profesional de la conducta humana me ayudó a entender esta población a la cual aún no me había expuesto. Es un buen inicio, además te brinda información clara sencilla para tu explicarle a ellos y su familia.

I purchased this book after my brother was diagnosed with schizophrenia. The book was easy to read and gave the viewpoints from actual people who have it. It helped me learn and relate to my brother better. I am planning on giving this book to my brother so that he can feel that he can relate to others who are going through something similar. The book is broken up into small, easy to read chapters, and the writing is simple and easy to read. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

Moronic and overly simplistic-total waste of money and worse yet of time-awful.

Excellent book!

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