Acute and Transient Psychoses

ANDREAS MARNEROS, FRANK PILLMANN. 243 pp. **Price:** 110 US$. **Publisher:** Cambridge University Press. **Date of Publication:** 2004. **Place of Publication:** Cambridge, UK. **ISBN:** 0521835156.

The group of acute and transient psychoses taken by many psychiatrists for granted as a prodromal stage of major psychoses, schizophrenia and affective disorders, have gained little attention to be intesively studied in many aspects. This book, for the first time explores this area in a systematic approach in 3 parts. The first part describes the history and concepts in an easily read developmental layout discussing different synonyma with a clear comparison between ICD-l0 and DSM-IV classification of these disorders. In part II, the authors present an intensive review of literature on the subject with special focus on the WHO DOSMED study, and the authors own study, which is a very comprehensive and well designed research work in this area investigating the incidence, clinical features, the treatment, the course, the outcome, the suicidal behavior and the comorbidity of acute and transient psychoses. Part III, discusses the conclusions of study findings and its effects on classification of these disorders whether in ICD-10 or DSM-IV with suggestions for future classification of subcategories of this group of disorders.

I believe the book is of great interest to qualified psychiatrists and academic researchers, and may be of higher standard to psychiatric residents and medical students, and for its purpose, I believe it is a good buy.

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Migraine and other Headaches

WILLIAM B. YOUNG, STEPHEN D. SILVERSTEIN. 193 pp. **Price:** 19.95 US$. **Publisher:** Demos Medical Publishing. **Date of Publication:** 2004. **Place of Publication:** New York. **ISBN:** 1-932603-03-4.

This books is an American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Press Quality of Life Guide. The AAN did a very good job in producing such a book in a series on "Quality of Life". This type of book is of help to both the physicians and the patients. The book is well written so that the patient can understand his disease. It will help them to understand what they suffer and how they can make the proper diagnosis and gain the right treatment, in consultant with their physician.

The 2 authors are well-known physicians and are experts in headache problems. I recommend this book for patients, medical students, residents and physicians. With its price of US$19.95, I think this book is an excellent buy.

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