Making a psychiatric diagnosis in children can be challenging: some clinicians say the incidence of some childhood disorders, such as bipolar disorder and ADHD, is over-diagnosed while others saying they are undiagnosed, undertreated, and are a large burden on society. The drug treatment of child psychiatric disorders can also be controversial in children and adolescents. This book fulfills the need for an objective, clinically relevant source to dispel this confusion.

This book addresses a defined series of clinical entities that represent the bulk of current treatment modalities and disorders encountered in 21st century practice. It is authoritative in the areas addressed while at the same time being rapidly accessible in format. To facilitate access, it presents disorders in declining order of frequency. The authors believe that worthwhile clinical work must be informed by both evidence-based practice and by psychiatry’s traditional attention to internal and interpersonal dynamics. They are committed to an approach that is broadly biopsychosocial while based on current clinical evidence for a pragmatic, clinical focus.