A short, clearly written book that provides practical guidance on how to manage the suicidal or potentially suicidal patient. Written by two expert teachers, the book has been used in courses for trainee psychiatrists and for health professionals throughout the world. Feedback from participants on these courses has informed revision of the new edition. This book is of interest for all mental health professionals who come into contact with patients who present with suicide potential, i.e. all mental health professionals, as well as general health professionals who are often the first point of contact for a suicidal patient.

The book opens with a review of the epidemiology, risk factors and associated aspects of suicide. It then presents two assessment tools: The Tool for Assessment of Suicide Risk (TASR) provides instruction on how to use it appropriately in the clinic. The Suicide Risk Assessment Guide (SRAG) acts as a self-study program to assess clinical evaluation skills. Both tools were created for use in the authors’ own practice and are now successfully taught to and used by health professionals around the world. Refined through actual experience, these proven tools help assess and evaluate patients with confidence.

Case vignettes allow the reader to practice using the information they have learned from the book.

Throughout the book, bulleted lists, tables and flowcharts effectively describe how to use the many factors to assess the risk of suicide in an individual patient.