RECOMMENDED READING LIST
General Books for the Basics of DBT

Brief, paperback, fabulous overviews. Necessary reading for DBT.


This book presents a very clear, concise overview of the central principles of Rational Emotive Therapy (RET). It discusses rational versus irrational thinking, the ABC framework, the three basic musts that interfere with rational thinking, and the theory of change in RET. A detailed case example that includes verbatim dialogue between therapist and client illustrates the 13-step RET process. An appendix by Albert Ellis examines the special features of RET that set it apart from other therapies, especially other cognitive-behavioral approaches.


This book is a step-by-step guide for teaching clients four sets of skills: mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness, emotion regulation, and distress tolerance. It includes useful, clear-cut handouts that may be readily photocopied.


A groundbreaking behavioral scientist and dynamic animal trainer, Karen Pryor is a powerful proponent of the principles and practical uses of positive reinforcement in teaching new behaviors. Here are the secrets of changing behavior in pets, kids—even yourself—without yelling, threats, force, punishment, guilt trips...or shooting the dog.


This compact manual covers the theoretical underpinnings of behavior therapy as well as approaches to behavioral assessment and practical therapeutic techniques. Includes a new chapter on advances in the field.


In Stop Obsessing! you will discover: A series of questionnaires to help you analyze the severity of your obsessions and compulsions. An initial self-help program to overcome milder symptoms and reduce more severe cases. The most effective way to help you let go of your obsessions and gain control over your compulsions. An intensive three-week program for anyone who spends more than two hours a day on obsessions or rituals. Expert guidance in determining whether you need the added help of a professional. Stop Obsessing! ’s powerful and reliable techniques have helped thousands of patients with OCD reduce or eliminate unwanted thoughts and rituals.

**Behavior Therapy**

Barlow, D. H. (2001). Guilford Press; ISBN: 1572306114; 3rd edition (July 19, 2001) Clinical handbook of psychological disorders (3rd ed.). New York: Guilford Press. This classic text provides detailed, practical guidelines for treating the most commonly encountered adult disorders. The latest advances in evidence-based practice are reflected in chapters from an expert array of scientist-practitioners. The third edition features new chapters on bipolar disorder, cocaine dependence, and interpersonal psychotherapy for depression, as well as broader coverage of alcohol use disorders and sexual dysfunction. Each chapter summarizes current knowledge about the clinical presentation, etiology, and diagnosis of the disorder at hand; reviews the models or theories that guide intervention; and describes typical treatment settings. Authors then delineate step-by-step protocols for assessment and treatment, illustrated with transcripts and vignettes. Also provided are available data on clinical predictors of treatment outcomes.

Clark, D. M. & Fairburn, C. G. (1997). Science & practice of cognitive behaviour therapy. Oxford University Press: Oxford. Psychological treatments have proved very effective in treating a wide spectrum of psychiatric syndromes, including depression, panic disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, bulimia nervosa, hypochondriasis, chronic fatigue syndrome, premenstrual syndrome and social phobia. The Science and Practice of Cognitive Behavior Therapy reviews the current literature and provides a useful examination of the science and practice within cognitive behaviour therapy. Both David Clark and Christopher Fairburn are acknowledged experts in the field and have succeeded in bringing together some of the world's foremost authorities in psychiatry. Topics covered include: the scientific foundations of cognitive behaviour therapy, efficacy and dissemination of psychological treatments, panic disorders and social phobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, sex therapy, and attempted suicide.

Craighead, L. W., Craighead, W. E., Kazdin, A. E., & Mahoney, M. J. (1993). Cognitive and behavioral interventions: An empirical approach to mental health problems. Allyn & Bacon: MA. This volume provides a balanced discussion of both cognitive and behavioral perspectives of mental health issues, emphasizing the broad range of applications and wide variety of disorders in which interventions have been shown to be effective. Covers disorders and problem areas in both adult and child/adolescent populations, reflects the views and conclusions of the active researchers in the field, focuses on empirical validation and differing approaches in and across problem areas, and future directions in the field are covered throughout the book.

Blends scientific information about the nature of traumatic reactions with practical clinical guidelines for conducting cognitive-behavioral therapy with rape victims. In addition, case studies are provided and specific problems that may come up are addressed.


This volume brings together leading clinicians and researchers to present cognitive-behavioral approaches to treating PTSD and other trauma-related symptoms and disorders. Solidly grounded in the latest theory and research, chapters describe pragmatic, clinician-friendly strategies for working with problems that are prevalent across a variety of trauma experiences, including intrusion and arousal, guilt, anger, substance abuse, dissociation, and relationship difficulties. Providing a comprehensive account of the current state of cognitive-behavioral treatments for trauma, this volume is a highly practical tool for psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, counselors, and other mental health professionals. It also serves as an exemplary text for graduate-level students in these areas.


Without sacrificing intellectual rigor, this clear and beautifully written text shows how learning principles revealed in animal research can be applied to human behavior. Rather than leaving students with only classical conditioning, reinforcement, and formation of associations, Lieberman also reveals the relationship of learning to cognitive processes, such as memory and thinking. His coverage of the Rescorla-Wagner model-cited as “an especially lucid overview” in the Journal of Comparative Psychology-enables students to understand the importance of neural network models in learning research (a topic either ignored or not made clear in other texts) and to perceive the links between associative learning and higher cognitive processes.


This popular introduction to behavior modification offers readers personal, "hands-on" experience with the principles of behavior modification and their application to everyday concerns; from helping children and adults learn life's necessary or coping skills, to solving some of their own personal behavior problems. It features extensive descriptions and "how-to" guidelines for the particulars of program design, implementation, and evaluation. Focuses on principles of behavior modification and detailed "how-to" strategies, but discusses theoretical issues and empirical support in separate Notes and Extended Discussions. Contains numerous summary guidelines for applying behavioral principles to solve a wide variety of problems in many settings with different populations. Includes numerous references to applications in a wide variety of professional areas.

Reclaiming Your Life After Rape is a powerful and encouraging workbook written specifically for women who have been sexually assaulted and, as a result, have developed chronic symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The workbook helps clients identify whether they are experiencing a symptom of PTSD and offers powerful techniques for overcoming these symptoms, such as how to confront frightening situations, deal with traumatic memories, stop obsessive thinking, and correct any negative self-talk. The therapy techniques outlined in this program have also been successful in helping women who have been sexually abused in childhood and adult female survivors of nonsexual assault, such as aggravated assault and robbery.

**Dialectics**


This book describes and illustrates the nature of dialectical thinking as a cognitive psychological phenomenon, and makes the case that this form of cognitive organization is a possible successor to the adolescent formal operations stage. It uses the idea of dialectical thinking to organize theory and research on adult forms of reasoning about specific kinds of issues into a rich and coherent conceptual framework for the study of adult development. This framework makes feasible an approach to the study of adult development firmly rooted in the genetic epistemological tradition as an alternative to the approaches which currently dominate the field.


This volume is a collection of some of the authors’ many writings that illustrate the nature of the dialectical mode in biology and discuss the politics that are necessarily bound to it. The book successfully achieves the authors' goal of demonstrating by example the power and nature of the dialectical method. Its usefulness, however, extends well beyond this. The articles are intellectually challenging in content as well as method. And by collecting in one place articles on evolution, scientific analysis and the social dimensions of science—the book’s three major divisions—the authors have provided a valuable tool for exploring the complexity and richness of biology.

**Mindfulness**


Anthony de Mello shares 124 stories from a variety of traditions, both ancient and modern, using the age-old medium of parable to illustrate profound contemporary realities about our everyday concerns and our common spiritual quest.


Using humor, compassion, and insight, the beloved and best-selling Anthony de Mello teaches us to welcome the challenge of knowing ourselves and living the “aware” life. Mixing Christian spirituality, Buddhist parables, Islamic sayings, Hindu breathing exercises, and psychological insight, spiritualist and Jesuit priest Anthony de Mello challenges readers to identify our most submerged, darkest feeling, accept them, not let them rule us, and allow this new awareness of ourselves to change us.

The author of *Full Catastrophe Living* offers the most enlightening exploration yet of the principles of mindfulness—the ancient Buddhist method of stress reduction. Kabat-Zinn blends stories, anecdotes, poems, images, and scientific observations with easily followed instructions in the art of "capturing" the present and living fully within each moment in order to achieve inner peace.

Thich Nhat Hanh (1996). *The miracle of mindfulness: A manual on meditation*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. One of Thich Nhat Hanh's most popular books, *Miracle of Mindfulness* is about how to take hold of your consciousness and keep it alive to the present reality. World-renowned Zen master, Nhat Hanh weaves practical instruction with anecdotes and other stories to show how the meditative mind can be achieved at all times and how it can help us all "reveal and heal." Nhat Hanh is a master at helping us find a calm refuge within ourselves and teaching us how to reach out from there to the rest of the world.


Aitken's title says it all. Encouraging Words will appeal to both beginning and advanced lay Zen students who seek to integrate their spiritual practice into everyday life. Curious readers will be rewarded, too. Here is a teacher both wise and practical in equal measure."--Honolulu Advertiser. Now in paperback.


There is a fine art to presenting complex ideas with simplicity and insight, in a manner that both guides and inspires. In *Taking the Path of Zen* Robert Aitken presents the practice, lifestyle, rationale, and ideology of Zen Buddhism with remarkable clarity.

The foundation of Zen is the practice of zazen, or meditation, and Aitken Roshi insists that everything flows from the center. He discusses correct breathing, posture, routine, teacher-student relations, and koan study, as well as common problems and milestones encountered in the process. Throughout the book the author returns to zazen, offering further advice and more advanced techniques. The orientation extends to various religious attitudes and includes detailed discussions of the Three Treasures and the Ten Precepts of Zen Buddhism.

Taking the Path of Zen will serve as orientation and guide for anyone who is drawn to the ways of Zen, from the simply curious to the serious Zen student.


This little gem of a book, newly issued with a foreword from the great Vietnamese Zen teacher Thich Nhat Hanh (who knew Merton in the 1960s) beautifully distills Merton's own reading and long experience with contemplation. Written close to the end of Merton's life, this book is not so much a "how to" guide as it is a kind of contemplation of contemplation. Immersed in the "negative theology" of St. John of the Cross and others—and influenced by his deep reading in Zen—Merton here stresses that in meditation "we should not look for a 'method' or 'system'; but cultivate an 'attitude,' an 'outlook': faith, openness, attention, reverence, expectation, supplication, trust, joy." God is found in the desert of surrender: this means giving up any expectation for a particular message and "waiting on the Word of God in silence," knowing that any answer will be "his silence itself suddenly, inexplicably revealing itself to him as a word of great power, full of the voice of God." --Doug Thorpe
Skills Training


This quintessential book for helpers is internationally recognized for its successful problem-management approach to effective helping. Emphasizing the collaborative nature of the therapist-client relationship and using a practical, three-stage model that drives client problem-managing and opportunity-developing action, Egan leads readers step by step through the counseling process, while giving them a feeling for the complexity inherent in any helping relationship. As readers master the various steps of the helping model, they are able to improve their competence and confidence measurably.


Written by Gerard Egan, this manual parallels the main text, "The Skilled Helper, Sixth Edition," and allows students to practice communication skills and each of the steps of the model in private before using them in actual face-to-face helping interactions with others.


Other Books of Interest


Incorporating recent advances from cognitive science and neurobiology on the mechanisms of anxiety, and using emotion theory as his basic theoretical framework, Barlow ties theory and research of emerging clinical knowledge to create a new model of anxiety with profound implications for treatment.


Provides a solid foundation in the core principles and practice of cognitive therapy. Judith Beck, Ph.D., an established therapist and lecturer in her own right, is also the daughter of cognitive therapy founder Aaron T. Beck.


Proposes a working model for assessment, management, and treatment of the suicidal patient, combining suggestions for optimal clinical practice with sophisticated risk management strategies. Appendices provide risk estimators and scales, a sample antisuicide contract, risk factor checklists, and a summary of legal issues.


The editors of this unique volume have selected 24 leading emotion theorists and asked them to address 12 fundamental questions about the subject of emotion. Each chapter addresses a different one of these fundamental questions about emotion, with often divergent answers from several of leading researchers represented here: James Averill, Gordon Bower, Linda Camras, Lee Clark, Gerald Clore, Richard
Davidson, Judy Dunn, Paul Ekman, Phoebe Ellsworth, Nico Frijda, Hill Goldsmith, Jeffrey Gray, Carroll Izard, Jerome Kagan, Richard Lazarus, Joseph Le Doux, Robert Levenson, Jaak Panksepp, Mary Rothbart, Klaus Shere, Richard Schweder, David Watson, and Robert Zajonc. At the end of each chapter, the editors-Ekman and Davidson—highlight the areas of agreement and disagreement about each of the 12 questions about emotion. In the final chapter, Affective Science: A Research Agenda, the editors describe the research they believe would help answer each of the questions. The Nature of Emotion, uniquely reveals the central issues in emotion research and theory in the words of many of the leading scientists working in the field today.


Containing simple truths, common sense, and the promise that people can benefit from past generations' experience, this book is a collection of 50 metaphorical folktales and parables selected with a global perspective and retold by a professional storyteller.


The authors provide a conceptual framework for therapists to create intense and meaningful therapeutic relationships with their clients to enhance the effectiveness of healing strategies. Illustrated with case studies, this book will be valuable for both psychotherapists and graduate level students.


This accessible book, written by a psychiatrist experienced in treatment and research on OCD, presents a fairly simple but effective approach to dealing with troubling symptoms of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. He demystifies the nature and symptoms of the disorder and explains the interaction of the biological and behavioral elements of OCD. His program focuses on empowering the individual with OCD so that he or she can take an active role in decreasing or eliminating obsessions and compulsions. When a person with OCD is engaged in cognitive-behavioral therapy, treatment is more successful if the individual feels empowered and does “homework” outside of the therapy session. This book serves to reinforce that process.


This edited collection provides an overview of the work that has been done to explore the biology of the dimensions that make up personality and in turn personality disorders. Fifteen contributors discuss topics such as the role of neurotransmitters, new research strategies, biopsychosocial models, psychopharmacological management, and eroding biases in regard to mental illness.


The Psychological Treatment of Depression describes the range of cognitive behavioral techniques in great detail, enabling practitioners new to CBT to feel confident using them. Those already using CBT will want to take advantage of the recent developments J. Mark Williams discusses here and update their skills. In this second edition, Williams discusses recent advances and theories, and provides details of new techniques to use in an in-patient setting. He has also added an introductory chapter for readers who may be less familiar with issues relating to depression.
Manuals Describing Empirically Supported Treatments
*These publications may be obtained by calling Therapy Works from the Psychological Corporation at 1-800-211-8378.

Panic and Agoraphobia/ OCD/Trauma/ Exposure Techniques


A systematic cognitive-behavioral program that increases awareness of circumstances that trigger panic symptoms through behavioral self-monitoring. Clients practice specific intervention skills such as learning to slow down physiological reactivity through breathing retraining and muscle relaxation training, decatastrophizing through actual prediction testing, and lessening fearfulness through exposure to feared sensations in safe settings.


The Client Workbook for Agoraphobia helps you guide your client through coping with panic associated with agoraphobia avoidance. After completing the MAP-II Panic Control Treatment (PCT) program, 87% of patients remained panic-free at post-treatment.


This cognitive-behavioral program for the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) has as its foundation the use of ritual prevention, and prolonged actual and imagined exposure exercises. Therapists will learn the best methods for assessing OCD and formulating a treatment program tailored to their client’s particular OCD symptoms.


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Cognitive Processing Therapy for Rape Victims provides a thorough description of the problem of rape; a complete, session-by-session presentation of cognitive processing therapy that includes case descriptions, homework assignments, and worksheets; and consideration of special problems therapists are likely to encounter with both clients and themselves. An excellent resource for those wishing to gain deeper insight into the effects of this violent crime on its victims.

In Clinical Handbook of Psychological Disorders, researchers and practitioners describe in detail the actual treatment protocols in which experienced clinicians implement the technology of behavior change in the context of the 14 most frequently encountered psychological disorders. They reflect the trend over the past decade and continuing, to tailor treatments to specific disorders rather than looking for general approaches that can be applied widely.


A comprehensive resource for mental health professionals. The first half of the volume defines obsessive compulsive disorder and covers multiple manifestations, behavioral and cognitive approaches, biological models, and pharmacological therapies. The second half is a guide to treatment that walks clinicians through all the clinical processes from information gathering and assessment and treatment planning to the maintenance of therapeutic gains.


Using a cognitive-behavioral approach, this program addresses sexuality as a part of human functioning that can be associated with joy and good interpersonal relationships and with stress and problematic interpersonal relationships. It allows the client to take the lead in placing his or her own functioning and satisfaction within this continuum.

**Depression**


This best-selling classic work shows how psychotherapists can effectively treat depressive disorders. Case examples illustrate a wide range of strategies and techniques.


“This book clearly sets forth the theoretical assumptions and operating principles of interpersonal psychotherapy for depression. It provides excellent illustrative case material with important collateral information, such as reviews of outcome studies and of current pharmacological treatments. A history of the interpersonal approach, and discussion of the relationships between this approach and those of 'competing' schools, add to the book's general value.” - Aaron T. Beck, M.D. Professor of Psychiatry University of Pennsylvania


Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) is a brief treatment approach that has demonstrated effectiveness for treatment of major depressive disorders in adults. IPT takes the position that although there are many causes for depression, understanding the current social and interpersonal circumstances of the client associated with the onset of a recent episode of depression will expedite the understanding of current
symptoms and help the client move toward developing new ways of coping. This program clearly defines the focus of treatment as "here and now" instead of long-term issues, such as defenses and childhood circumstances.

Williams, J. M. (1995). The psychological treatment of depression (2nd edition). New York: Routledge. Research studies throughout the world have found that Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) is as effective in the short term as anti-depressant drugs and has longer-lasting effects than medication. The Psychological Treatment of Depression describes the wide range of cognitive behavioral techniques in great detail, enabling practitioners new to CBT to feel confident using them. Those already using CBT will want to take advantage of the recent developments J. Mark Williams discusses here and update their skills. In this second edition, Williams discusses recent advances and theories, and provides details of new techniques to use in an in-patient setting. He has also added an introductory chapter for readers who may be less familiar with issues relating to depression.

**Eating Disorders**


Patients are guided to objectively observe their own eating patterns, including contexts in which problematic eating takes place. Through careful education, patients are guided toward normalizing their eating patterns as a way of breaking the deprivation/binge cycle. Alternative pleasurable activities to problematic eating are explored. Beliefs and expectations about weight and body image are explored and gently challenged through discussion within a sociocultural context.

**Drug or Alcohol Addiction**


Relapse Prevention provides the first comprehensive presentation of this alternative and still-evolving approach to the treatment of addictive behaviors. The book proves researchers, clinicians, and students with the most comprehensive statement to date of the theory, methods, and scientific evidence in support of this innovative approach to the maintenance of habit change. Clearly written and augmented by numerous clinical vignettes, Relapse Prevention will be of interest to all who treat individuals struggling to overcome a destructive addiction.