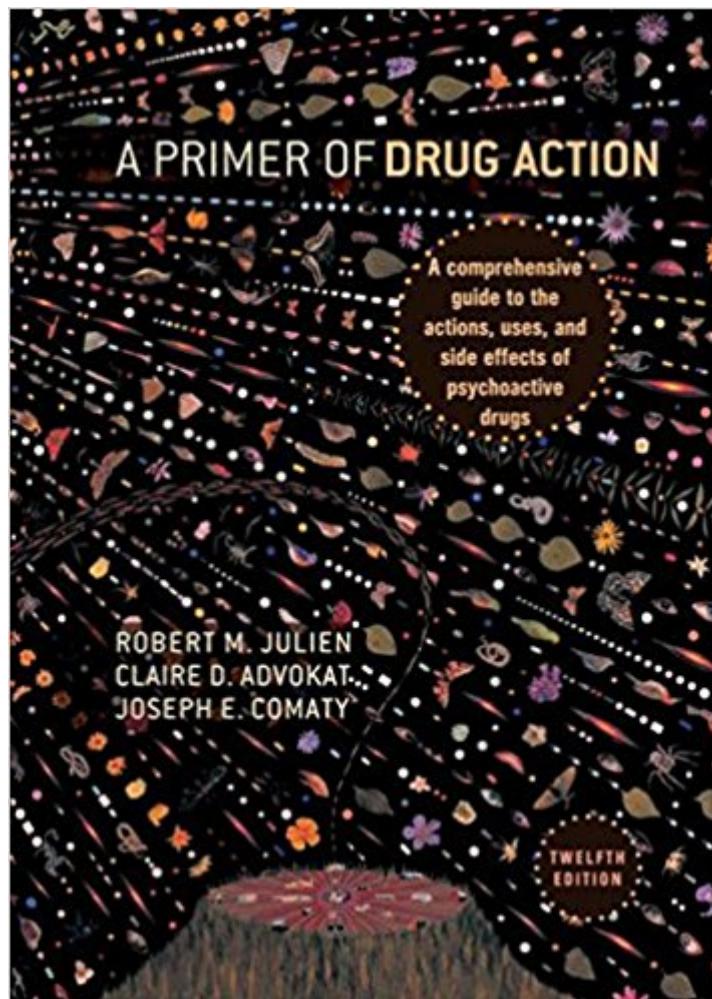


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I'm about a 150 pages in and I find the material fascinating. It's truly amazing all of the effort that has been applied to the development of these CNS drugs. However, one thing that has begun to annoy the heck out of me is the depiction of chemical structures for various drugs described within. The choice of format is inconsistent. For instance, the depiction of alkyl chains switches from condensed format (i.e. lines, like how it would be produced in ChemDraw) to expanded (i.e. writing out CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>) for no reason at all (and sometimes within the same molecule). Another example, one drug structure had an aryl halide bond but the structure did not specify the position on the ring. I found myself searching the generic drug name in Wikipedia or Google just to find a better structure image. Maybe it's because I was trained as an organic chemist, but I find this lack of attention to detail just lazy.

The book came in really good conditions. This book is awesome helping you to understand how drugs work on your body.

In very good condition and arrived just as indicated.

Im a senior in college and Im so sick of school. Glad this is my last book, item as described.

This is one of the best books I have read on this subject! The authors make it an easy read and incredibly thorough- this book covers MANY topics! I would highly recommend this text, especially for a college course. I used it for a psychopharmacology class.

Looked and felt like it was just printed. Quick and easy delivery. All around perfect buy.

This is a classic work that provides basic information as well as more advanced information on psychoactive drugs. The work has been new chapters and has been written by a team of three members including Dr. Julien.

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