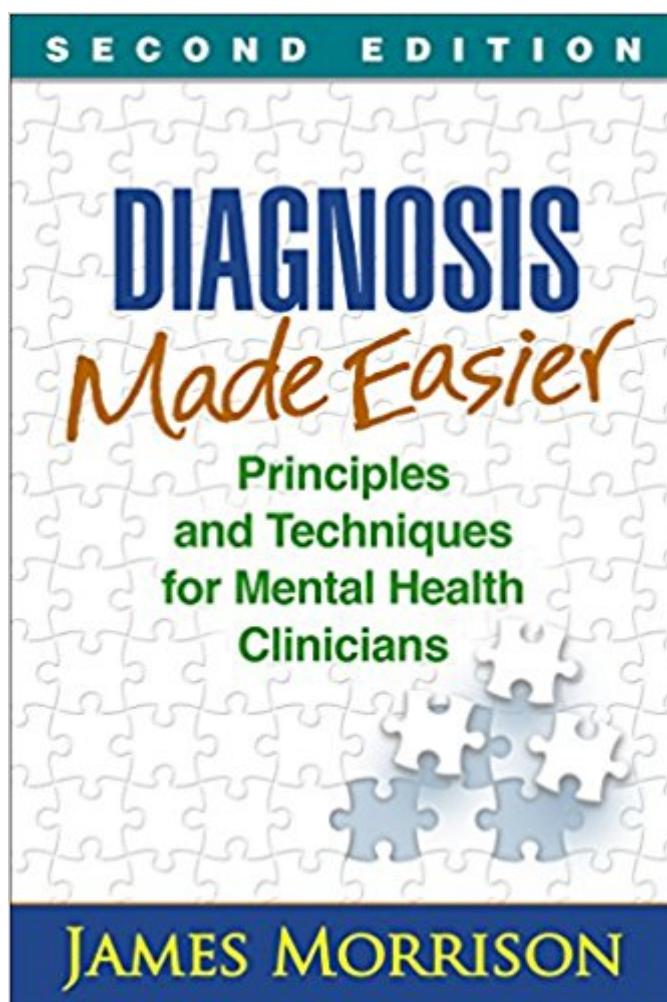


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James Morrison, MD, is Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. He has extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. With his acclaimed practical books--including *DSM-5 Made Easy*; *Diagnosis Made Easier*, Second Edition; *The First Interview*, Fourth Edition; *Interviewing Children and Adolescents*, Second Edition; *When Psychological Problems Mask Medical Disorders*, Second Edition; and *The Mental Health Clinician's Workbook*--Dr. Morrison has guided hundreds of thousands of mental health professionals and students through the complexities of clinical evaluation and diagnosis.

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