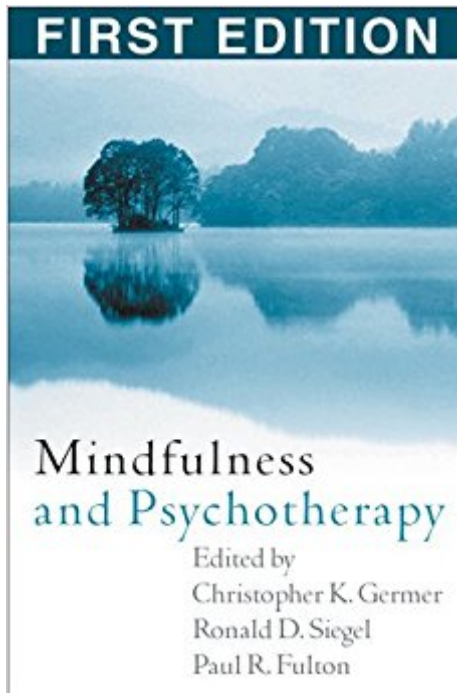




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Synopsis

Responding to growing interest among psychotherapists of all theoretical orientations, this practical book provides a comprehensive introduction to mindfulness and its clinical applications. The authors, who have been practicing both mindfulness and psychotherapy for decades, present a range of clear-cut procedures for implementing mindfulness techniques and teaching them to patients experiencing depression, anxiety, chronic pain, and other problems. Also addressed are ways that mindfulness practices can increase acceptance and empathy in the therapeutic relationship. The book reviews the philosophical underpinnings of mindfulness and presents compelling empirical findings. User-friendly features include illustrative case examples, practice exercises, and resource listings.

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"Mindfulness and Psychotherapy is the first comprehensive work that pulls the various strands of knowledge under the rubric of mindfulness together and it does so in a scholarly yet highly accessible fashion. Drawing on both Buddhist and Western psychology, the subtle and intriguing concepts that fall under the notion of mindfulness (e.g. mediation, attentional style, empathy, acceptance and tolerance of affects) are fully explicated in the context of relevant research and theory. We are offered numerous hands-on techniques and resources for mindfulness training and for its integration into our therapeutic practice--be it cognitive-behavioral or psychodynamic. A real winner!"--Leo Goldberger, PhD, Behavioral Science Book Service Advisory Board

memberÃ¢â¬Å“One of the best books yet on mindfulness and psychotherapy. Well informed, clinically sound, thoughtful, practical, and provocative.”--Jack Kornfield, PhD, author of *A Path With Heart*“A landmark contribution to the emerging field of mindfulness-based interventions in psychology, psychiatry, and medicine. Contributors include psychotherapists with longstanding personal commitments to mindfulness meditation practice and its clinical applications, as well as a neuroscientist and a Buddhist scholar. Comprehensive, accessible, and full of illuminating case studies and mindfulness-based exercises, this book is likely to catalyze interest in mindfulness for years to come. It opens a range of different doors for mental health professionals interested in applying mindfulness in the clinical domain and in the cultivation of well-being, happiness, compassion, and wisdom. It will serve as a useful text in undergraduate- and graduate-level courses in positive psychology, clinical practice, psychotherapy, and human performance.”--Jon Kabat-Zinn, PhD, author of *Coming to Our Senses* “Over the past decade, the concept of mindfulness has captured the imagination of psychotherapists. This impressive volume catalogs the clinical applications and relevance of mindfulness across the spectrum of emotional disorders, offering an evenhanded discussion of both theory and praxis. The unique perspective provided by editors and authors whose personal practice of mindfulness suffuses their work with patients makes this text a valuable addition to any classroom or clinic library.”--Zindel V. Segal, PhD, Center for Addiction and Mental Health and Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, Canada“Mindfulness and Psychotherapy shines a light on a fundamental and powerful element in the process of human healing and transformation. With clarity and sensitivity, this book reveals how the cultivation of mindfulness can lead us to freedom in the midst of pain, anxiety, depression, and a host of other human difficulties. The editors and authors explore the theoretical and empirical basis for applying mindfulness in clinical settings, establishing it as a model of psychotherapy that is complementary to major contemporary schools of therapy. And then, with clear case examples, treatment methodologies, and exercises, they show us how mindfulness works! In addition to being an invaluable guide for mental health professionals, this book would serve well as required reading for undergraduate- or graduate-level courses in clinical psychology.”--Tara Brach, PhD, author of *Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of a Buddha*“When the history of 21st-century psychology is written, the introduction of mindfulness as an adjunct to psychotherapy will stand out like a beacon. This seminal volume is an expert’s guide to the field, while still being fully accessible to the beginner. It is invaluable both to therapists and to anyone interested in developing awareness, presence, and compassion. Mindfulness and Psychotherapy is bound to become a classic text.”--Joan Borysenko, PhD, author of *Minding the Body, Mending the Mind* and

Inner Peace for Busy People" The editors and authors of this volume effectively demonstrate the use of mindfulness meditation techniques as a viable means for addressing clinician and client issues. Not only do they provide an information-dense collection of chapters representing numerous applications of mindfulness strategies, but they also present the information in a delightful conversant style that gently emanates an embracing warmth for the reader." (Journal of Marital and Family Therapy 2005-03-11) "A brave and brilliant compilation from 11 different authors that explore many of the different ways that mindfulness can inform the theory and practice of psychotherapy.... If the reader is new to the concept of 'mindfulness,' this book is a wonderful place to introduce himself or herself to the possibilities of mindfulness within his or her own life and therapy practice. If mindfulness is already familiar to the reader, this book is a wonderful collection of reference materials that can be easily navigated and used." (PsycCRITIQUES 2005-03-11)

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As a psychotherapist for 30 years and a mindfulness practitioner for nearly 10 years, I have read a lot of good books and articles on both subjects. "Mindfulness and Psychotherapy" is as clear and helpful in both disciplines as any I have encountered. The editors have done a 'mindful' job in selecting

from an array of perspectives. Mindfulness is defined and contextualized for our western psychotherapeutic practice, while also placed in an historical and cultural framework that informs and enlightens our understanding. Indeed the more philosophical essays are perhaps the strongest pieces in this marvelous compendium. We are reminded that the Buddah saw himself as a physician who sought to diagnose and find a cure for human suffering. Out of his own intimate encounter with suffering, he devised and revised a program that we in western psychological science are just now testing and finding curative-both for our clients and for ourselves. There is much here to be considered by all schools of psychotherapy. Paul Fulton presents an intriguing chapter on Mindfulness as Clinical Training. There are concise chapters on teaching mindfulness skills to clients (even children)with varying disorders, including panic,anxiety, depression, and psychophysiological problems. There is a comprehensive while managable 'Resources for the Clinician" appendix. Andrew Olendzki deserves special mention for his piece on "The Roots of Mindfulness." I had to stop highlighting as each page was yellowed with brightness. If you are a psychotherapist, a meditator, or thinking of practicing either, you will do well to read this wonderful book.

Boring

very helpful

I bought this book several years ago when I first started my daily mindfulness practice and was wondering if I would, should, or could integrate it into my psychotherapy practice with clients. The book was very helpful in answering that question in the affirmative, and, depending on the case conceptualization and treatment plan I suggest a mindfulness component to clients. Some do, some don't - those that do, always benefit; although not necessarily in the predicted manner. The book is on my shelf and I refer to it a few times a year to brush up on some aspect. I have no need to acquire another one; so it's been quite satisfying.

Interesting, Somewhat useful.

This book is terrific. It is written with the same genuineness, compassion, attention to the subtle, and humility that the authors recommend for the therapy room. I very much like that the authors are in private practice as therapists and all have long, sincere meditation practices. This makes the writing

feel full and rich and genuine and not like an academic exercise. If you are interested in working in this way, I hope that you begin by developing your own mindfulness practice rather than trying to learn more techniques to use with your patients. As the authors make clear, working in this way must come from the therapist's own internal work.

This is a good exposition of mindfulness theory and practice. Although a novice therapist will find the text useful, most of the insight gained by reading this text will be achieved by therapists with 5 to 10 years actual practice under their belts. I would advise novice therapists to buy this book immediately and then delve into each chapter several times per month for the next few years. They will never regret it. The problem and promise on this book is that it requires you to go back and review each concept of your original training, whether it is Adlerian, Freudian, Cognitive or Christian. Mindfulness is the goldplating overlay that makes your therapy more valuable.

Very well written on a subject that is hard to clearly explain, particularly to someone who has not had mindfulness and training or meditation practice.

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