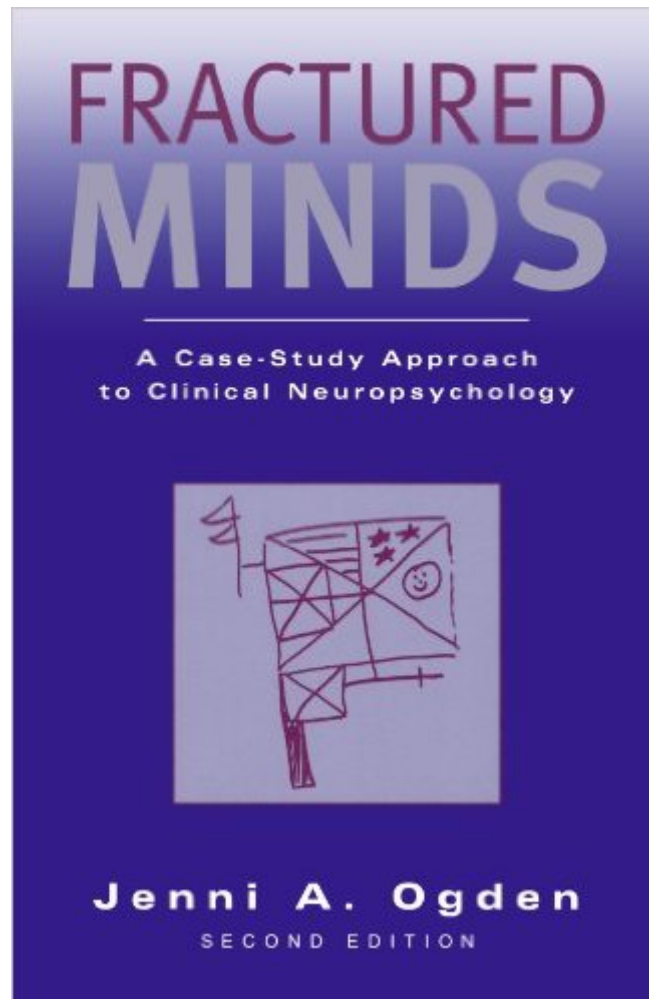


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# Fractured Minds: A Case-Study Approach To Clinical Neuropsychology



## Synopsis

Fractured Minds introduces the reader to clinical neuropsychology through vivid case descriptions of adults who have suffered brain damage. At one level, this is a book about the courage, humor, and determination to triumph over illness and disability that many "ordinary people" demonstrate when coping with the extraordinary stress of a brain disorder. On another level, it is a well-referenced and up-to-date textbook that provides a holistic view of the practice of clinical neuropsychology. Included are reader-friendly descriptions and explanations of a wide range of neurological disorders and neuroscientific concepts. Two introductory chapters are followed by 17 chapters that each focus on a specific disorder and include research, clinical assessment, rehabilitation, and a detailed case study. Disorders range across the full spectrum from common ones such as traumatic brain injury and dementia, to rare disorders such as autotopagnosia. Each of the 16 chapters retained from the first edition has been revised to reflect current research and clinical advances. Three new chapters on multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and Huntington's disease incorporate discussion of important current topics such as genetically-transmitted diseases, genetic counseling, gene transplantation, functional neurosurgery, and the complex ethical issues that go hand-in-hand with these new techniques. This informative and engaging book will be of interest to students of clinical psychology, neuropsychology, and neurology, health professionals who work with neurological patients, neurological patients and their families, and lay readers who are simply fascinated by the mind and brain.

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Ms. Ogden's writing has a touch of Oliver Sacks-like quality. Not only does she describe each patient's clinical assessment in terms of scores on neuropsychological testing batteries, but she also describes the processes by which the patients cope with their medical problems and how they affect their lives. The patients are seen as human beings overcoming difficulties, rather than anonymous cases. A great book for those interested in clinical neuropsychology. This book was also be very useful as a text book, as it describes medically what's happening to each patient as well as how it affects them behaviorally on neuropsychological testing and socially in their everyday lives.

For several years, I have used this book for an undergraduate class I teach on Neuropsychology. The chapters, which each focus on a distinct type of brain damage or disorder, are well written and a relatively easy read. They also do an excellent job of covering the science of what causes each type of damage and why the damage impacts behavior the way that it does. My students seem to really enjoy each chapter and Ogden's discussion of her patients stimulate a great deal of discussion in class. I find Ogden's coverage to be more comprehensive and detailed than Oliver Sacks but she is certainly no less interesting to read.

Unique book that you literally can't find. Ogden takes you through the basics of neuropsychology...the terms, concepts and the basics of clinical practice. Then she dives in with stories of patients she worked with in her practice. Great book for anyone interested in the brain, Oliver Sachs kinds of books and definitely for any undergrad in psychology that wants to know if this is a subfield of psychology they would enjoy. This was especially fascinating to me as someone who administers neuropsychological testing to patients.

Dr. Ogden brings to life the case study approach. She writes well, clear and is informative. She gives us basic definitions in neurology and spells them out clearly; the difference between alexia and dyslexia, for example. She focuses on the machinery at the neurologists disposal and the testing battery of the neuropsychologist. She tells how each person tends to be one minute normal, the next, no so. She follows closely how something like neurotoxicity develops, a people cope with neurological illness and follows them in treatment. The book is full of learning material. I highly recommend it to the practicing psychologist or neuropsychologist, or someone curious about how the brain functions.

I needed this book for my Behavioral Neuroscience class and it was really interesting to learn about real life experiences with certain diseases and how their lives are afterwards! So much more interesting than just reading about a disease and what it is.

Very interesting read. Can get a little heavy with terminology and a little confusing. But in reality that's normal because Human Neuropsychology is not easy at all. But this gives you great insight to the case studies while also explaining the terminology in it. So you never feel lost while reading it. Well written, I'd recommend it. Maybe not for just a light read but for a psychology student who is interested in the human brain.

I had to purchase this as a textbook for a neuropsychology class and it was actually very well written. I'll probably read some of the stories we weren't assigned just because they were very informative and personal. Good for school and real life learning as well, especially if you know someone dealing with any of the diseases in the book.

For anyone interested in Neuropsychology, this is a great case study book that covers several neurological cases and the author breaks down what is being studied very simply. Must have some prior medical knowledge, however.

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