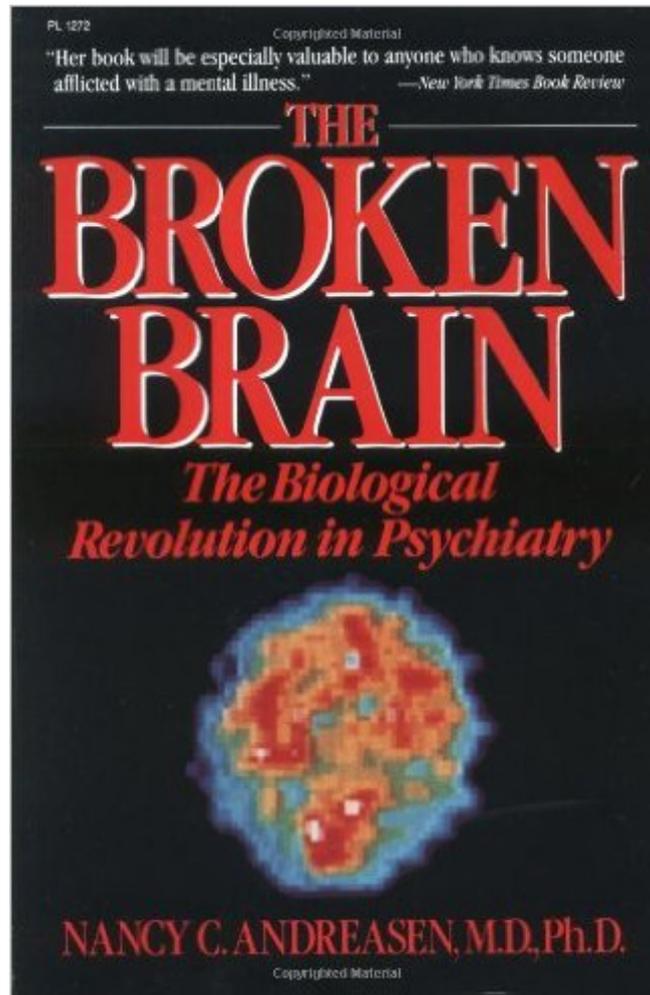


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The Broken Brain: The Biological Revolution In Psychiatry



Synopsis

The Broken Brain provides a complete and remarkably readable guide to the new scientific understanding of schizophrenia, severe depression, and other major mental disorders and to the new medications that have already returned hundreds of thousands to more normal lives. Dr. Andreasen's book is also a social manifesto that seeks to remove the shame, guilt, and punishment that are still attached to the mentally ill and, instead, to regard them "as human beings who deserve as much sensitivity and love as people who suffer from cancer, muscular dystrophy, or heart disease."

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A classic book written at the time psychiatry was undergoing a powerful shift in thinking. Psychiatry is still undergoing this shift, so if someone is interested in the history of the revolution THE BROKEN BRAIN needs to be consulted. It was written by one of the foremost thinkers and researchers in psychiatry today. This book documents the powerful new tools psychiatry had available to it by the 1980's. A recommended addition to any public or private library.

This book has been an invaluable resource to me and I recommend it to others who have questions about brain function. My family has a history of depression and other mental illnesses. Andreasen approaches the subject of brain chemistry, biology and treatment of illness in terms a layperson can easily understand. After reading The Broken Brain, I was compelled to learn more and am now

enrolled in a Masters program in Psychology. Fascinating, well written, and totally accessible.

This book gave me hope I had lost about a loved one with severe (delusional) depression. Knowledge is power, and this book is overflowing with easy-to-understand information. Dr. Andreasen's treatment of mental illness, with sympathy and care is comforting. The only question I had, was "How much more valuable this book would be if it were updated (since 1985)?" There is mental illness in this world, that has gone unrecognized. We could all benefit from knowing more about this misunderstood, stigmatized illness

This book belongs on the fiction shelves. It is a classic example of what happens when one's desires, hopes and imagination goes into overdrive and cloud one's vision and judgement. Andreasen sets out a vision of psychiatry that has not and is not likely to materialise. She makes many claims about what was known in 1984 that were not known, either then or now, over 30 years later. Do not be seduced by this book.

This book explains mental illness in a way that is easy to understand. However, I also like to read books that SHOW what mental illness is. I suggest the book: MY LAST REMAINS by Jill. This is a nonfiction account of a girl who was raised by mentally ill parents. The book shows mental illness in a way that text books don't. It also shows what happens to the children of the mentally ill. The author uses her first name only, and the book is also available on .

This book is a classic. Brains are organs of the body and can be 'broken' as can the heart, kidneys, pancreas, and lungs.

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