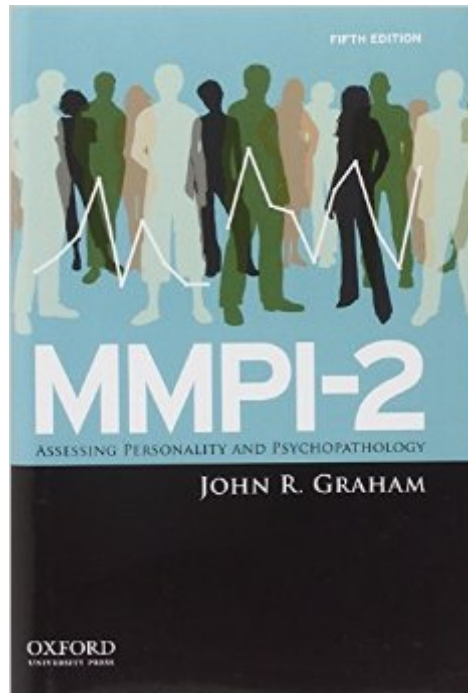


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MMPI-2: Assessing Personality And Psychopathology



Synopsis

The MMPI-2 is the most widely used personality test in the U.S. and around the world. It is employed in mental health settings, medical centers, and correctional programs, and is frequently admitted as evidence in legal proceedings. In addition, the MMPI-2 is widely used in screening applicants for jobs that involve public trust and safety. The fifth edition of MMPI-2: Assessing Personality and Psychopathology describes effective uses of all aspects of the MMPI-2 and explains how to accurately interpret test results. Current and comprehensive, it presents detailed instructions for administering and scoring the MMPI-2 and discusses using the MMPI-2 with such diverse population groups as older adults, ethnic minorities, medical patients, and prisoners. It provides guidelines for interpreting the test's Validity, Clinical Content, and Supplementary scales, illustrating points with case studies and examples. The book also covers the Restructured Clinical (RC) scales, which help focus the interpretation of the original Clinical scales, and the Personality Psychopathology 5 (PSY-5) scales, which assess major dimensions of normal and abnormal personality.

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Customer Reviews

This is a superbly useful, updated version of his prior work on MMPI-2 interpretation. As always, Dr. Graham hits the bullseye for clinical usefulness and readability. His interpretive strategy is thorough and pragmatic. While others base their interpretative statements on clinical lore and anecdotes, Dr. Graham backs up his interpretations with research. This text is a "must-have" for anyone who

administers the MMPI-2--students and clinicians alike.

I have used this text for my graduate class I teach on the MMPI-2. It is an excellent text. Very comprehensive. My graduate students found it very helpful in learning to appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of the MMPI-2. Awareness of any tests strengths/limitations is crucial to the appropriate use of all psychological tests. Learning to appropriately utilize this test as part of a psychological screening or battery is critical for the training of all clinical psychologists. Graham does an excellent job of presenting the information in a readable and understandable format.

I am not a psychologist, and was not formally trained in the use of the MMPI-2, but my work brings me in contact with it very frequently. This book served as a perfect introduction to my self-study, and I refer to it frequently in trying to more fully understand the MMPI-2 interpretations provided by psychologists. I have searched for a comparable introductory text, and cannot find one nearly as good.

This book is the Bible of MMPI-2 interpretation. Dr. Graham does an amazing job presenting the information in an intelligent and understandable manner. There's a new chapter on the RC scales and the PSY-5 scales which will be incredibly important for people to learn about as these scales are going to be getting a lot of attention. The RC scales are the centerpiece of the new MMPI-2-RF, and the PSY-5 scales are on the new RF and involve individual difference personality trait theory. Plus, Graham includes cases and a interpretation strategies. Very helpful.

Anyone who has used Graham's prior editions knows that the description of background of test construction, as well as the descriptions of the various scales and their interpretation, is quite thorough. As the research base continues to grow, this new 5th edition is up-to-date, especially in describing the newer RF form of the clinical scales. The revised scales for the RF are very clean/much less intercorrelated, resulting in higher clarity for us when interpreting the scales. This 5th edition of Graham's book is inclusive of the MMPI-2, the MMPI-A, and the newer RF version. That said, if you want to focus exclusively on the RF version of the test, you might want to buy the Ben Porath manual for the RF in addition to or instead of this book. Finally, this book was sufficiently comprehensive and practical that I referred to it repeatedly in teaching my center's interns the MMPI-A, and I appreciate Graham's meticulous approach to revision.

I agree with the other reviewers that Graham has produced an excellent reference, but add the caveat that there is little difference between the previous (third) edition and this volume to justify re-purchase.

I used this book for a master's level behavioral/personality assessment course. We spent about half of the semester on the MMPI-2, and this book was really informative and helped foster knowledge around the assessment. Since ending the course, I have not kept the book, as most information you need to interpret the MMPI-2 can be found online. However, when learning about the assessment this was a great tool to understand the different scales and codes. It is laid out in an organized fashion that is easy to understand. The history is there, and then it does into the scales, sub-scales, and factors. It gives a lot of information and possible interpretations for each scale and factor, so it's easier to read it and apply what seems relevant to a client you have some background information on. When doing a blind-interpretation, it provides so much information that you have to pick and choose what sounds the most important to include. I was able to use this book to do a couple blind interpretations, and got 100% scores on each (prof's grading). For learning purposes, each student would be assigned a couple scales and codes to teach the class about, and this book was all you needed to learn enough to teach everyone. It was a great book for the course. Lengthy, but helpful!

Overall this book is great for describing the MMPI-2 for you - it gives thorough descriptions of all of the scales, code types, meanings, and so forth. It is very DRY but what do you expect? If you give the MMPI-2 quite a bit and need to learn more about the personality test I would definitely recommend this book as Graham is highly respected within the psychology field in regards to this test!

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