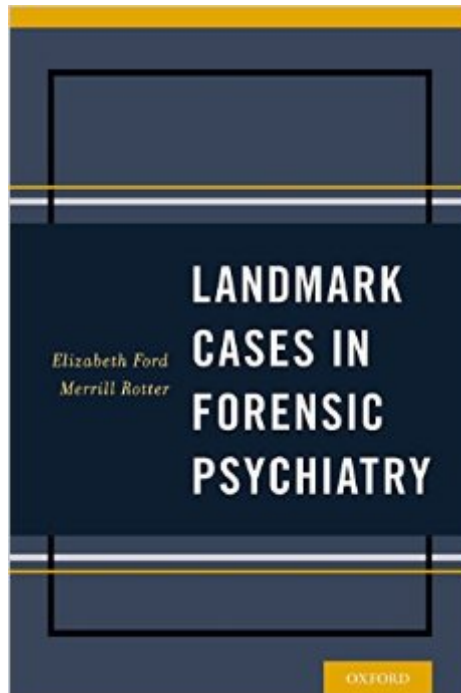


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It's a shame that this new book is marred by poor copyediting/proofreading. I found it to be useful, written clearly and designed to be read quickly, in small doses, if necessary. I found significant errors in the first self-test that put me on guard. For example: one of the possible answers to Question 11 is "E"; however, the multiple-choice options do not include answer "E." The question provides only four possible answers, A-D. This is a problem, because the missing answer is the correct answer. In the same section, Question 28 was so badly edited that it was impossible to find the answer among the possibilities. In fact, the correct answer seems to say the opposite of what the question wants. Question 23:A contains the word "standing"; the word should have been "standard." I wonder if someone decided to rely only on a standard spell-check--which can cause enormous problems if the computer changes one word for another and no one catches it. Perhaps I am being a "nit-picker," but I earned my living as an editor for many years. I once worked for a company that produces standardized tests, and I know the basic psychometric principles involved in creating a question and its possible answers. After taking the self-test for the first section, I began to wonder seriously if I could trust the accuracy of the rest of the self-tests, the spelling of names, the correct dates, etc.

Very interesting cases to apply to the work in Forensics.

Concise and high-yield reviews of landmark cases. This book was very helpful in preparing for the AAPL self-assessment exam (which was really tricky). I recommend this book to any forensic psychiatrist/ psychologist, as well as to mental health law attorneys and teachers..

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