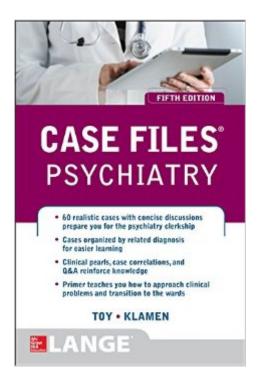
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I'm am generally a big, big fan of the Case Files series...the case presentation always helps anchor details in my head better & for longer than the long lists provided in review books, and they always provide a really helpful, practical approach to DDx, Rx & helpful pathognomonic tip-offs. We have memories built for anecdotes, not laundry lists. *However* this particular one is rife with errors...from the harmless (but vaguely annoying) grammatical errors to more worrisome errors of content. Pts with amphetamine intoxication have constricted pupils? L-Dopa & MAOIs have extrapyramidal Sx as side-effects? Really? Also, there are lots of annoying contradictions within a given case presentation. For example, at the beginning of the case of PCP intoxication it says bluntly that benzos "should not be given" since they delay excretion of PCP. Then, two pages later, it says benzos can be given. I understand that distilling practice guidelines to a couple pages can be hard, and that a general rule of thumb can be disregarded when the drug benefit outweighs the side-effects, but the authors do a VERY bad job VERY frequently of couching these sort of things in appropriate language. Don't couch something as a absolute contraindication if it's simply a relative one. Also, within the autistic case file it says that 40% of autistic kids have MR, then in a comprehension question one page later it asks what percentage of autistic children have MR.

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