

One in seven children are diagnosed with a childhood disruptive behavior disorder and we are only now starting to realize the enormous social, financial and legal implications associated with these diagnoses. Professor Hans Steiner is one of the leading experts on childhood disruptive behavior disorders. In this highly readable book, he and his co-authors impressively and definitively cover the field. They provide comprehensive reviews of the historical emergence of the recognition that many individuals with atypically aggressive behavior show these problems because of a psychiatric condition as well as definitive chapters on the taxonomy, epidemiology, etiology, treatment and implications for the justice system. Each chapter is penetrating in its analysis and, critically, provides not only a context for the current problems in the specific area but also clear guidelines as to how these problems can be ameliorated. As such, this definitive work will serve as a pre-eminent guide for graduate students, clinicians and researchers interested in the area alike.

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