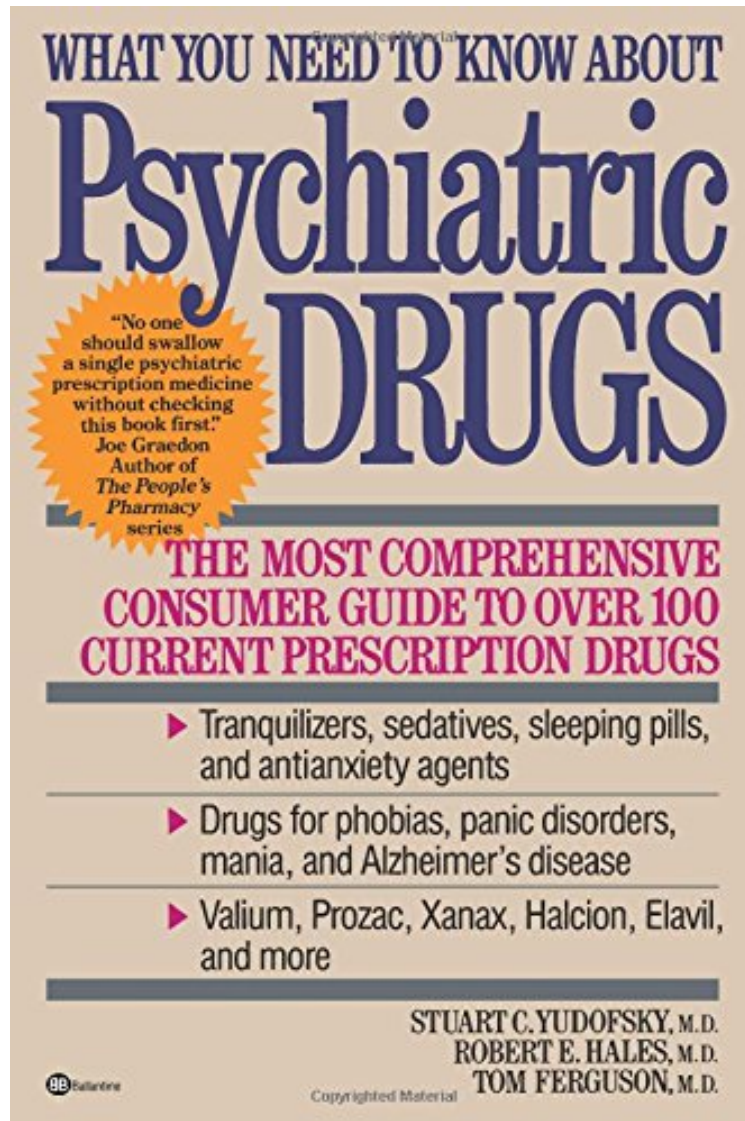


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From Publishers Weekly Each year, as the coauthors point out, close to 200 million prescriptions for psychiatric drugs are filled in the U.S. Yet many people who require them are ill-equipped or unable to ask questions about the drugs or about appropriate alternatives. Yudofsky, Hales and Ferguson here explain the types of psychiatric drugs and the conditions they assuage, while encouraging patients and their families to ask more questions. Described in detail are what the drugs do : tranquilizers, antidepressants, anti-addictives, anti-aggressives, sedatives; and pharmaceutical treatments for mania, phobias, panic disorders and Alzheimer's disease. Parents of young children may find the chapter on drugs for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorders (frequently found in children) particularly helpful; just as beneficial is a chapter on the uses of sleeping pills for insomnia and other sleep-related problems. Also discussed are non-drug treatment options for several conditions. But unfortunately, the writing is stiff, as is nowhere more apparent than in the contrived, uninspiring case histories. Yudofsky is chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University of Chicago; Hales is chairman of the department of psychiatry at the Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center in San Francisco; Ferguson is president of the Center for Self-Care Studies in Austin, Tex. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap Prepared by a team of nationally respected health professionals, here is the definitive consumer guide to the powerful medications that have revolutionized the treatment of psychological illness, and includes: an alphabetical listing and discussion of the most frequently utilized drugs, cross-referenced to the illness they treat AND their side effects; a review of their effects on special risk groups, such as pregnant women, and the elderly, plus guidelines for finding and evaluating psychiatrists who are knowledgeable in prescribing psychiatric drugs, and much more. From the Back Cover You are probably reading this book because you-or a family member or friend-are taking or are considering taking one of the more than a hundred psychiatric prescription drugs now available. Or you may work in a medically related field or be a mental health professional looking for a concise, up-to-date review on the current uses of psychiatric drugs.