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Revised and updated throughout, this *second edition* includes new discussions of grief and psychopathy, the problems of the psychophysical basis of disorder, the nature of selfhood, and clarification of the relation between rationality and mental disorder. Each chapter explores a central question or problem about mental disorder, including:

- what is mental disorder and can it be distinguished from neurological disorder?
- what roles should reference to psychological, cultural, and social factors play in the medical/scientific understanding of mental disorder?
- what makes mental disorders undesirable? Are they diseases?
- mental disorder and the mind–body problem
- is mental disorder a breakdown of rationality? What is a rational mind?
- addiction, responsibility and compulsion
- ethical dilemmas posed by mental disorder, including questions of dignity and self-respect.

Each topic is clearly explained and placed in a clinical and philosophical context. Mental disorders discussed include clinical depression, dissociative identity disorder, anxiety, religious delusions, and paranoia. Several non-mental neurological disorders that possess psychological symptoms are also examined, including Alzheimer's disease, Down's syndrome, and Tourette's syndrome.

Containing chapter summaries and suggestions for further reading at the end of each chapter, *The Disordered Mind, second edition* is a superb introduction to the philosophy of mental disorder for students of philosophy, psychology, psychiatry, and related mental health professions.

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