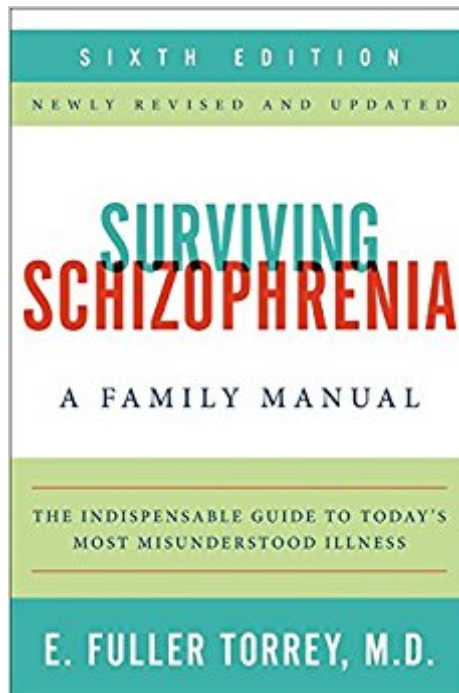


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Updated throughout and filled with all the latest research, the bestselling *Surviving Schizophrenia* is back, now in its sixth edition. Since its first publication in 1983, *Surviving Schizophrenia* has become the standard reference book on the disease and has helped thousands of patients, their families, and mental health professionals. In clear language, this much-praised and important book describes the nature, causes, symptoms, treatment, and course of schizophrenia and also explores living with it from both the patient's and the family's point of view. This new, completely updated sixth edition includes the latest research findings on what causes the disease, as well as information about the newest drugs for treatment, and answers the questions most often asked by families, consumers, and providers.

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A lot of us who have friends or family living with schizophrenia will know much of what this book covers so it's a little redundant. On the other hand, those who are getting introduced to the issue will learn a lot, and there's plenty here for those of us who already have a reasonably good working knowledge of the area to make it a book that I would recommend. For the newbies, it's a 4 star, and for the rest of us it's probably 3 largely because it repeats what we've already learned elsewhere. On balance, better to have more information than too little, so I gave it a 4 star rating.

Helped so much to understand how to envision the experience of having the disease. Haven't finished, but this helped a lot take some of the scariness away. I do have open questions on what to do to help - ideas of good topics and activities that will bring positivity to the patient and how that changes depending on the level of sickness and their awareness of being sick going in and out. Also, how to talk about the sickness itself with the patient, or if that is even possible with someone who has not spoken with me directly about it but is very close in my life otherwise.

Very, very good information. Would highly recommend this book for anyone who has any connection or is associated with a person who has Schizophrenia. It is user friendly and the information is so straight forward and easy to absorb.

very detailed and informative

My family member has had schizophrenia for about 20 years. I have read several books and attended some NAMI "open" information presentations. As the parent/caretaker of this family member, so far this book is at the top of my "most helpful" list. The author is an experienced professional who covers every category I needed, with fact based explanations. He also covers medical perceptions and research of the past, present and where it is leading to for the future. It is written so that a lay person can understand all the "variety" about the disease, the treatments, the resources and the options for living with and alongside of it.

So far this is an excellent resource to understanding the disorder. It helps me to understand what is happening in my son's mind. There is so much material I have not read through it all yet. I like the examples of cases presented from a patient's perspective too. I wish I had ordered this months ago.

I like this reference, my sister is ill and this helps me to know what is really going on with her, which in return lets us interact together more..thank you..

This book is a must have for a family trying to understand schizophrenia. Dr. Torrey seems to anticipate your questions and answer them before you ask. He speaks not only as a specialist who has devoted his life to helping individuals with schizophrenia, the families who love them and the clinicians who serve them, but also as a brother who has lived with a family member struggling with the illness.

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