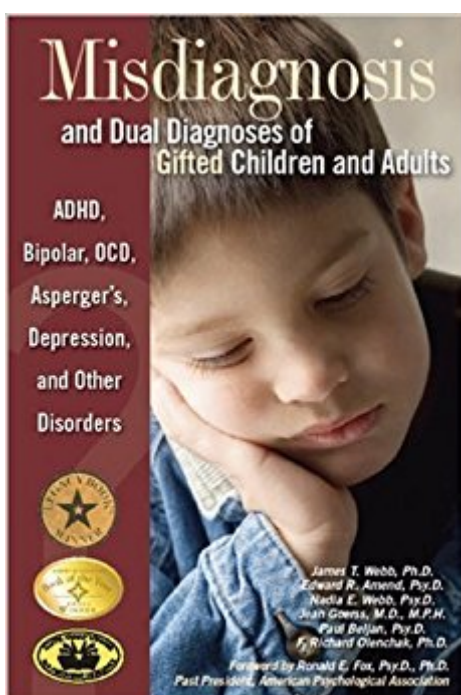


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# Misdiagnosis And Dual Diagnoses Of Gifted Children And Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, Ocd, Asperger's, Depression, And Other Disorders



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Our brightest, most creative children and adults are often being misdiagnosed with behavioral and emotional disorders such as ADHD, Oppositional-Defiant Disorder, Bipolar, OCD, or Asperger's. Many receive unneeded medication and inappropriate counseling as a result. Physicians, psychologists, and counselors are unaware of characteristics of gifted children and adults that mimic pathological diagnoses. Six nationally prominent health care professionals describe ways parents and professionals can distinguish between gifted behaviors and pathological behaviors. These authors have brought to light a widespread and serious problem—the wasting of lives from the misdiagnosis of gifted children and adults and the inappropriate treatment that often follows. Jack G. Wiggins, Ph. D., Former President, American Psychological Association

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Very good to have to aid & help institutions differentiate between the kids who are gifted & not being challenged and the kids who truly need help. Gifted kids will stop "acting" out once you start to speak about things they want to hear. Kids who are real issue do not they can not stop. Had to do a lot of research for my son whose actions were inexplicable at times.

Must have book if you have a child with any of these diagnosis and/or a gifted child. It helps ensure proper diagnosis and with not many professionals familiar with gifted kids I think it is a very important book.

I did not anticipate the impact that this book would have on me. I recommend this book to anyone

who has a gifted person in their life. Be it family, friend, co-worker, patient, or themselves. I found this book super insightful into giftedness. Previously I thought "gifted" referred to an IQ range. I had no idea that there is a whole set of personality attributes that goes with it. Fascinating!

Easy to read and understand. Most helpful book I've found on this subject. It helped me get my "school considered" average child into the gifted program in middle school. Now he off to college for engineering. Without this book, he would have stayed average in school and in his own mind. I've already given my copy away and just bought it again to pass along to my brother.

This book was very informative and highly readable. Very helpful for parents struggling with what to do when people keep questioning them about differences they see in their child. Not necessarily advice on what to do but some piece of mind that you are not alone.

Being sick all weekend was a bummer, but it gave me time to read this book. This book opened my eyes to my son, and meeting his needs. There were too many eye opening moments in this book to enumerate, but I wish I would have had this information when he was a toddler!!!!

Looking at the behaviors of a very gifted child, you can see evidence of symptoms that are consistent with other diagnoses. Over the years, my own son has been told by school personnel that he has ADD, ADHD, is developmentally delayed, is suffering from depression, has Asperger's, etc. Many of these armchair psychologists were wrong. Some professionals have suggested a few diagnoses, some of which make sense and others which are not appropriate. This is the book that will help you evaluate any such diagnosis. It lists very clearly the symptoms, mannerisms, behaviors that are attributable to giftedness against those attributable to other diagnoses, allowing you to discuss the pros & cons with the experts to sort out what may be accurate and what may not be appropriate in evaluating a particular child. I particularly appreciated Ed Amend's section on Asperger's.

Great author

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