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Clinical Topics in disorders of intellectual development.

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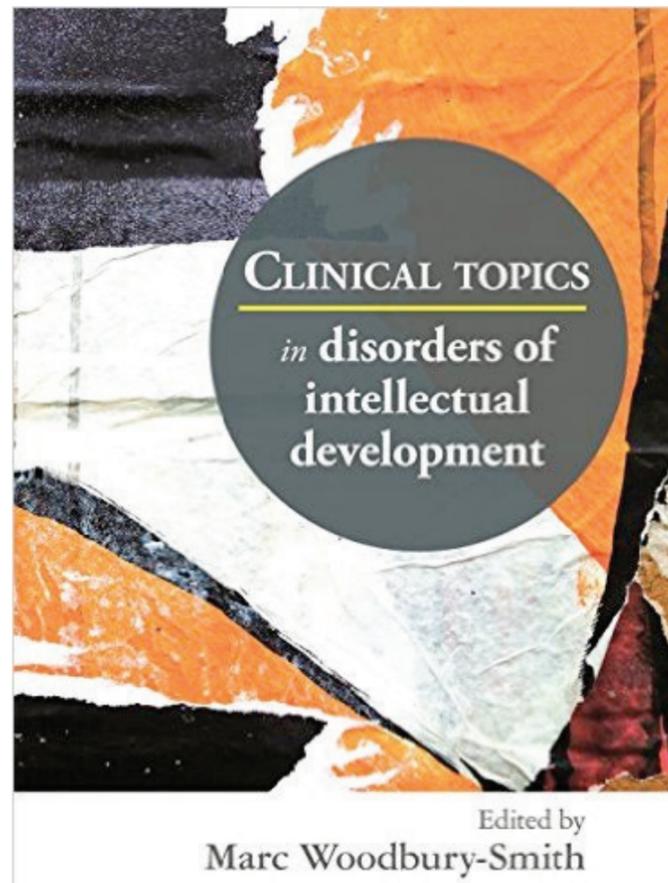
RCPsych Publications, London. 2015

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Cost: £30

Reviewed by Peter Carpenter

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This book comes as a rarity – a new 300 page book about People with Disorders of Intellectual Development aimed at psychiatrists and trainees. Psychiatry for this area started in 1975 with the Royal College of Psychiatrist publishing *Psychiatric Illness and Mental Handicap*. This was followed by their Seminar books – the first edition ‘*Seminars in the Psychiatry of Learning Disabilities*’ in 1997 and the second edition in 2003. So this is the fourth book in 40 years published by the college, though Wiley-Blackwell published ‘*Intellectual Disability Psychiatry: a Practical Handbook*’ in 2007. Now the name has changed to People with Disorders of Intellectual Development – a politically correct mouthful now abbreviated to PWDID

Clinical Topics is part of a series of books of this title that, in this case, comprise some chapters that are updated review articles from the journal now called *BJPsych Advances* enhanced by some additionally commissioned chapters.

The origin of any specific chapter is not clearly stated. I presume this series and its style of compilation will take over from the Seminar series.

The topics covered are similar to the last seminar book – but it expands on autism to add chapters on pharmacological and on psychological treatment, has added anxiety disorders and more on services, to the cost of excluding chapters on genetics, communication and on consent.

The style of the book comes out of the *Advances* articles and are often rather dry reviews of the literature to date with little commentary on how the research and literature fits with practice. The most personal one is that of Simon Halstead reviewing his involvement with Forensic Psychiatry and asking if there is a subspecialty of Forensic Psychiatry in PWDID.

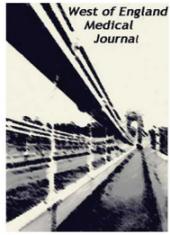
It provides a useful summary of current views in the selected areas covered. But there are holes in the areas covered. Psychosis in

PWDID is only discussed in terms of its occurrence with Epilepsy and with Autism. There is little on the experiences of growing up with a DID and of how this affects assessing and communicating with clinicians. Attachment disorders is covered briefly only within the topic of behaviour problems and more words are spent on Winterbourne View than on Post Traumatic Stress.

As such it is an enhanced anthology rather than a general textbook. As such the 2007 book *Intellectual Disability Psychiatry* is more useful as a general practical guide though a more expensive one. This book can however claim to be more up to date and in the areas covered is useful for psychiatric trainees and also for non-medical members of multidisciplinary teams.

It is inevitable that **Clinical Topics in disorders of intellectual development** will have to be in all psychiatric libraries covering PWDID given the paucity of psychiatric books in this area.

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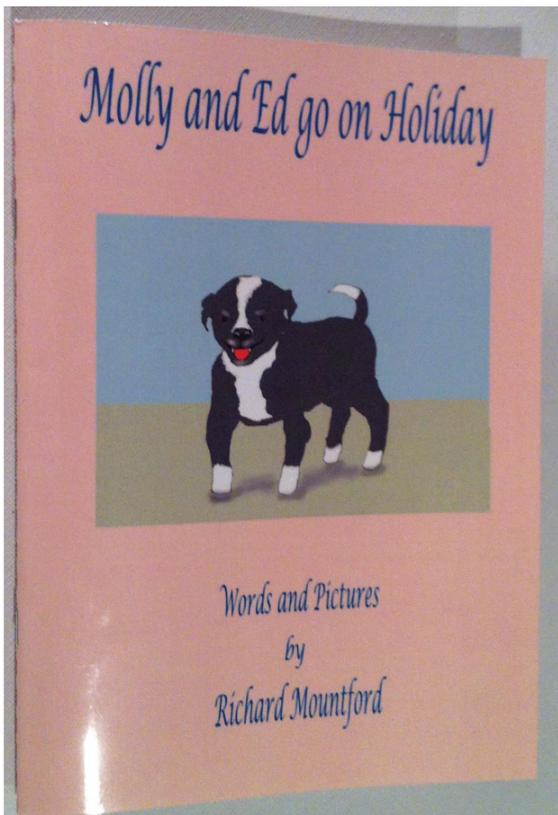


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REVIEWS OF NON-MEDICAL BOOKS AUTHORED BY MEMBERS OF THE BRISTOL MEDICO CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY

MOLLY AND ED GO ON HOLIDAY

Words and Pictures by Richard Mountford
Created at www.solentro.co.uk



Reviewed by Paul R Goddard

There are times when the talents of your friends surprise you even though they shouldn't. The occasion of receiving Dick's sweet little book through the post was one of those times.

Dick sent me the book in return for one of my own that I had given him but I am sure that I came out of the deal the better off.

The book is prepared for children with a simple little story about a man, Ed, and his dog, Molly. The twist is that the narrator is the dog. About Ed the dog Molly says... "He needs a lot of looking after. He is very slow at running, his nails and teeth are quite blunt and his sense of smell is rubbish. But as I always say, a human is for life, not just for Christmas."

The story is clearly and cleverly told and the accompanying illustrations have been beautifully painted by Dick himself.

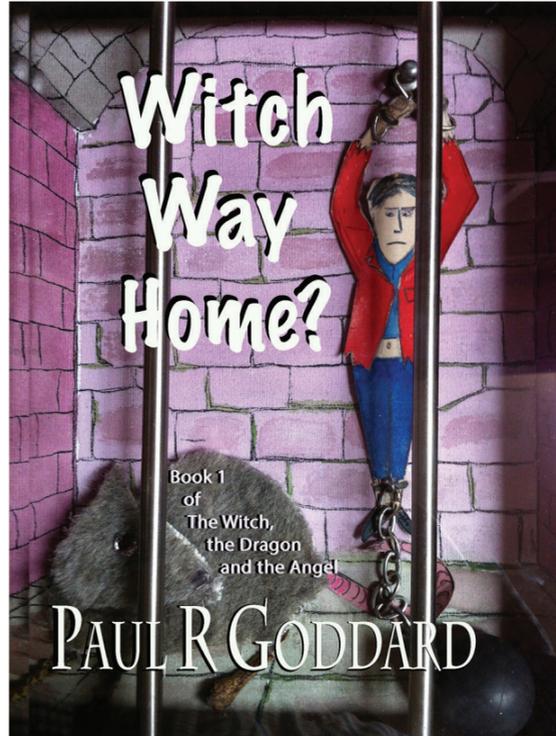
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WITCH WAY HOME?

Get ready to experience the ultimate in suspense and thrills!

Book Review: Witch Way Home? (The Witch, the Dragon and the Angel Book 1)

Author: Professor Paul R Goddard,



Publisher: Clinical Press Ltd.; (2nd edition 19 Sept. 2014, 3rd edition 2015), ASIN: B00NR8ZNHW
Available as ebook or paperback
Genre: *fantasy thriller*

Reviewed by Ila Gandhi

I was introduced to Prof Paul Goddard's books and articles by one of his trainees when I used to run the Anticoagulation Clinic at United Bristol Healthcare Trust about fifteen years ago. Paul is an award winning author with a natural gift of writing masterpieces. When I came to know he was writing a trilogy of novels, I could not wait to get my hands on them.

'Witch Way Home?' is the first novel from 'The Witch, the Dragon and the Angel' series. As always, Paul has been thoroughly entertaining and methodical. He has an attention to detail. To give you a little taster, Jimmy Scott is convinced that his mother-in-law, Mary is a witch. During the Easter holiday Jimmy took his family to the Isle of Skye and

a hurricane destroyed their home. He is plunged into a supernatural parallel world of fairies, dragons and a talking rat. The existence of our world is threatened and conditions start to worsen. The times are very strange but in strange times you must do strange things. Can Jimmy and his family save the world from total destruction? And, as Jimmy addresses her in private, is Mary actually a witch in law?

To find this out you will not need to break your bank. The eBook costs just £3.50 and is available free to Amazon prime customers and Kindle unlimited. Yes, under a fiver you get an outstanding novel, which is exciting and informative at the same time. You can get this eBook from Amazon and there is also an option to buy the paperback.

This is what others reviewers on Amazon have to say about Paul's thriller:

- 'Agreatreadfromanaccomplished author.' 5 out of 5 Stars
- 'An entertaining romp through faerieland with elves, dragons and Lucifer'. 5 out of 5 Stars
- 'Brilliant' 5 out of 5 Stars

More details can be found on the following link:

www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B00NR8ZNHW

I am confident that fans of good thrillers will be hooked to this and would like to read the whole trilogy. Happy reading.

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