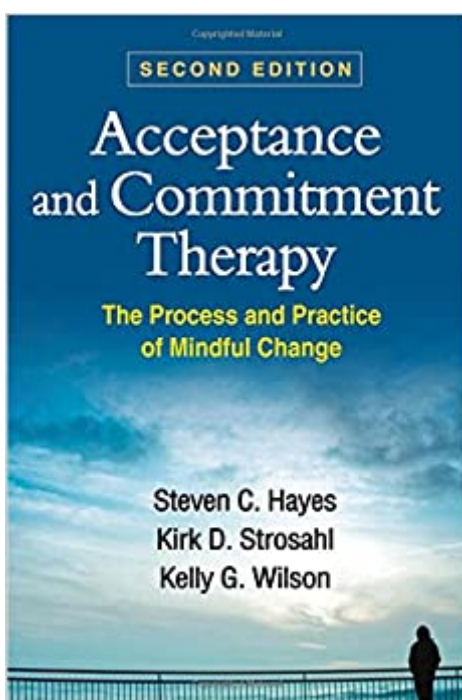


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It's a very interesting concept to read about. I really enjoyed the perspective it offered. The book as a whole was great! I received it in great condition and quickly. I would recommend this book for others to read.

The seminal work on the theoretical links supporting ACT. Studying this along with experiencing the therapy firsthand breathes life into application. The workbook: *Get Out of Your Mind and Into Your Life* is very good in fulfilling much of the personal experiential work.

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This new edition is impressive. This book explains the ACT model clearly, describes the links between ACT and the basic science and gives plenty of practical suggestions for practitioners. Highly recommended.

Found book very thorough and well presented with material that could be integrated into my psychiatry and psychotherapy practice. Covers all aspects of ACT with good examples and well referenced. I've now read it through several times and always find to idea to integrate into my work.

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