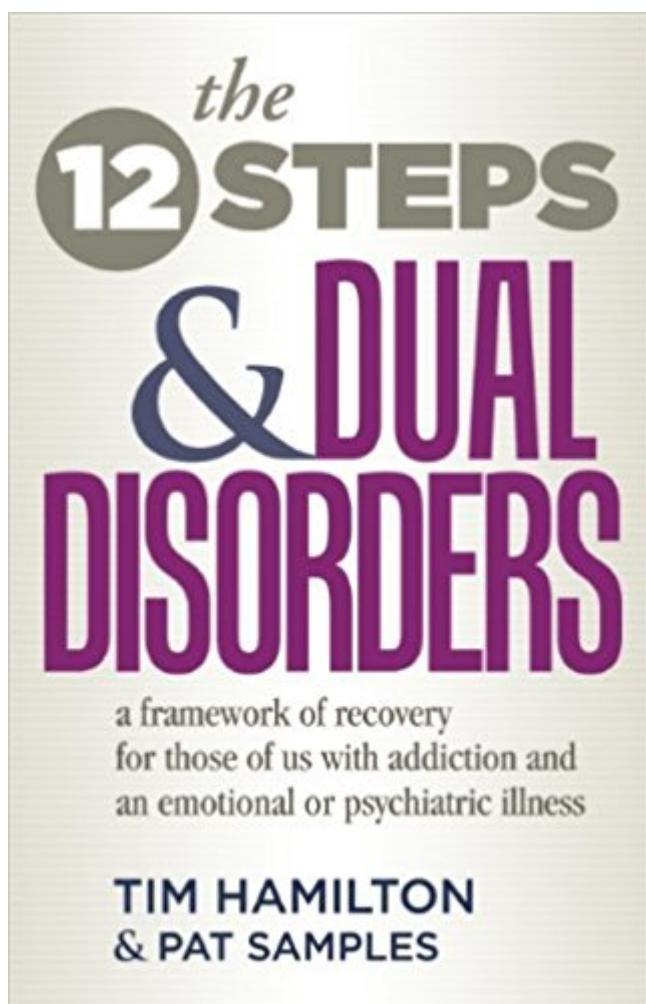


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The Twelve Steps And Dual Disorders: A Framework Of Recovery For Those Of Us With Addiction & An Emotional Or Psychiatric Illness



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I love this book! Can't say enough good things about it. I would highly recommend it to anyone recovering from dual disorders or any professional working with clients with dual disorders. The book offers real hope for recovery from both illness, is written in a very gentle tone and is wonderfully supportive. I especially like the way the authors deal with the definition of 'sanity' and the Higher Power aspect of the 12 Step Process. Sanity is defined as 'sound judgement'-how simple is that! What a relief from guilt for the person with mental illness. They describe HP as a circle of helping resources-psychiatrist, case worker, family, friends, sponsor, others in recovery in addition to a spiritual relationship.I use it in a recovery group in an institutional setting and my clients love the material. Its an open-minded view of recovery without all the 'God Stuff' found in the original 12 Steps.

If you're in recovery & familiar with any of the many fellowships' versions of the Twelve Steps, you'll feel at home in this fellowship's version, too.This arrangement of the Twelve Steps concepts blends mental illness recovery alongside recovery from substance abuse- It's probably not necessary to note that all addictive concerns follow similar routes in recovery, no matter how different they might have looked when first entering change. (I'm noting this though! For me, so-called Dual Recovery encompasses any & all action or substance that's become a unsustainable vehicle for using & abusing.)A lovely additional focus of this Twelve Steps book is an emphasis on looking at our plusses as well as our deficits, which most of us who've dealt with half a deck really need to hear on a regular basis. We usually are far too focused on how awful we are when first coming out of the darkness! And I don't just mean the basic accentuation of gratitude, though of course that's in there, too. I mean deliberately balancing what's generally become a spavined view of ourselves & the hard-to-take world around us, by searching out & enjoying our positive qualities at the very same time we're confronting having to let go of our "less-than-positive" horrible sides.One way to share this book is to read it with others in a meeting format, each reading as much or as little as works for them, then commenting on what is stirred up for them, rather than trying to finish each chapter in an hour. That way, anyone who is willing to talk can, rather than having to wait until everything's been read- & possibly already forgotten by those with shorter attention spans! Just let each step roll out gradually, and the group will eventually cover it all, just as each of us does individually, in living with Higher Power in this new conscious fashion.

Sometimes reading the 12 & 12 can be rather intimidating. When you have a dual disorder, it can seem overwhelmingly impossible, at least to me! This book gently guided me through it and also prepared for some of the "book thumpers" reactions to me and also finding the right sponsor and it has mad ALL the difference. A keeper for me and a re- reader.

I bought this book for my cousin who is in a mental institution after a 4-day binge drunk when he held up a gas station. He was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and bipolar disorder... and he was also an alcoholic. He started AA while in the mental institution and he's really get a lot out of it. I thought this book would help him along the way as it deals with the mental illness aspect along with the alcoholic part. He loved it! He read it in no time and said that he had a lot of stuff highlighted in the book. A lot of it he could relate to. I'm so happy that I was able to find him this book that will hopefully help him along his recovery.

I enjoyed the read of this book. It gave me a few new ideas. I often think I am an outcast at AA meetings when I have also have another mental diagnosis. But now I do not feel the same way.

This is a book that makes sense. So much better for me than the AA 12 step book. Dual Diagnosis uses the same 12 steps as AA only this books explains things a lot differently. I am reworking the steps using this book. I am also purchasing 2 more for other people who are also dually diagnosed.

Very useful in developing a presentation on treating clients with the Dual Disorders of Addiction and Mental Disorders. I use the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous in my personal life as well as my counseling clients with addictive disease - this book helps expand my current knowledge into the area of treating the Dual Disorder client

Back to Basics - great resource.

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