The most comprehensive and authoritative review published in the field. This book looks at how the field has evolved, the current approaches, and combines traditional concepts, such as community-based interventions and an epidemiological perspective, with newer concepts, such as recovery philosophy, evidence-based practices, and implementation fidelity, which have shaped the field over the past decade. Like community mental health care itself, the book is multidisciplinary and pluralistic. Throughout, it addresses controversies and also emphasizes areas of convergence, where social values, medical science, and policy forces agree on specific directions.

The book will be an essential reference source for both trainee and qualified psychologists and psychiatrists involved in community mental health, as well as healthcare professionals and students, mental health service planners and commissioners, service user and carer groups.