With graduate students and professionals new to the field in mind, this book provides information about the central issues that are being addressed by researchers and clinicians in the realm of normal-abnormal personality today. In addition, it provides essential terminology, ideas, and methods that are unique to the field at large as well as basic tools needed to become a participant in normal-abnormal psychology.

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Divided into three parts, the book presents an overview of major theories, statistical methods, and measurement instruments, including:
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* Four statistical methods for use in taxonomy, diagnosis, similarities and differences between normal and abnormal personality, and genetic and environmental influences
* Problems and pitfalls in designing empirical studies in the realm of normal-abnormal personality
* Empirically-based introductions and reviews of five widely-used instruments for assessing normal-abnormal personality