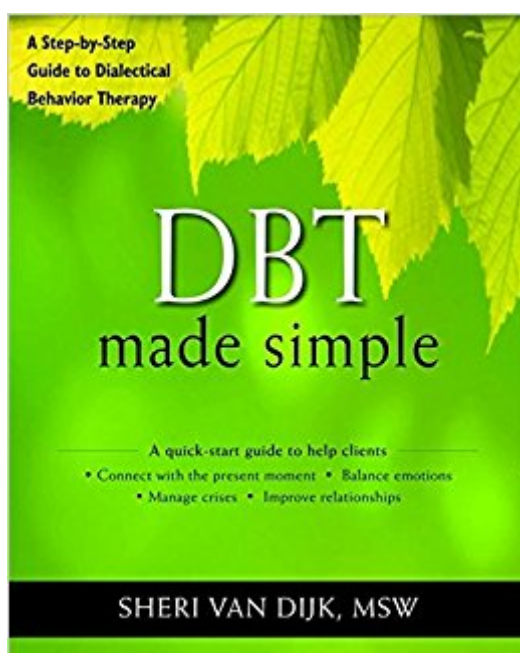


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Synopsis

Originally developed for the treatment of borderline personality disorder, dialectical behavior therapy, or DBT, has rapidly become one of the most popular and most effective treatments for all mental health conditions rooted in out-of-control emotions. However, there are limited resources for psychologists seeking to use DBT skills with individual clients. In the tradition of ACT Made Simple, DBT Made Simple provides clinicians with everything they need to know to start using DBT in the therapy room. The first part of this book briefly covers the theory and research behind DBT and explains how DBT differs from traditional cognitive behavioral therapy approaches. The second part focuses on strategies professionals can use in individual client sessions, while the third section teaches the four skills modules that form the backbone of DBT: core mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotion regulation, and interpersonal effectiveness. The book includes handouts, case examples, and example therapist-client dialogue—everything clinicians need to equip their clients with these effective and life-changing skills.

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"DBT Made Simple" is an incredibly useful book that distills key elements of DBT into a clear, concise, and practical guide. Illuminating clinical examples bring to life several DBT strategies and principles, and practitioners will appreciate the many useful forms and handouts provided in this book. I recommend this book to students and mental health professionals seeking a concise,

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Our doctoral students chose this book as an adjunct to our practicum class, and all of us found it excellent from start to finish. There are great explanations of central aspects of DBT without oversimplification. Please don't be misled by the term "simple" in the title. The author has accomplished one of those things we see occasionally in which secondary authors - those not involved in the development of a theory or technique - are better able to explain the concepts than primary authors. I would also add that the techniques are not just for borderline disorders anymore: it would be useful for most of our clients, frankly. I would recommend its use in psychotherapy classes at the master's or doctoral level, whether for future psychologists, counselors, or social workers, or for anyone practicing in the fields who wants to learn about using DBT.

As a DBT client who has completed the course of the therapy, I bought this book to use as a reference when I feel like I need a bit of a boost in my skills or when my mood is really low. This book is easy to understand and generally seems to help me regroup and remember what I have previously learned. While the book is written for practitioners, it is useful to me as a reminder of how my brain works, why I react the way I do, and what I can do to feel differently.

The book had clear writing which made some of the concepts easier to understand. I've read several books on this topic. This was one of the more use-friendly.

If you are looking for a basic introduction to DBT, this is the book for you! I really liked the case examples and suggestions for explaining concepts to clients. Though it's set up for individual therapy, it is not difficult to apply the concepts to groups as well. I used this book in preparing for a mindfulness group for adolescents in a residential treatment center.

I have been away from school for a while and usually fall asleep with any mention of the word "text book." This book is easy to understand, clearly written. I need to learn new skills and this book is a

good way to start.

I love DBT but Marsha Linehan's book on DBT is very detailed and covers the subject in too much depth for many people. This is a very good option for those people who want to take an easier path.

A simple, direct and effective explanation of DBT. Helpful summary and practice charts included. Great for clients as well as therapists.

I am a therapist who leads DBT groups. This book is a practical introduction to the underlying theory and major skills. Be aware that Van Dijk uses different acronyms than Linehan to teach the skills. However she maps her skills to Linehan's making it easy to compare the two.

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