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"This is a textbook for undergraduates and an excellent one at that." *Oxford Journals*, June 2010

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This exciting new textbook aims to bring the subject of psychiatry alive. Refereshing and inspirational, *Psychiatry* uses numerous excerpts and images from the worlds of art, film and literature to illustrate the core psychiatric content needed by medical students and junior doctors.

Psychiatry is placed in an historical context and the complex ethical and philosophical issues that are inherent to the practice of psychiatry are highlighted. The book challenges the reader to think about these issues and to appreciate that psychiatry is about more than just treating mental illness.

This informative and engaging new psychiatry text uses a range of pedagogical features throughout the full colour text, and includes case studies and self assessment material.

About the Author
Dr Neel Burton is based at Green Templeton College, University of Oxford, where he regularly teaches medical students. He is author of *Living with Schizophrenia* (with Dr Phil Davison, Sheldon Press, 2007) and has won a number of teaching awards.

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