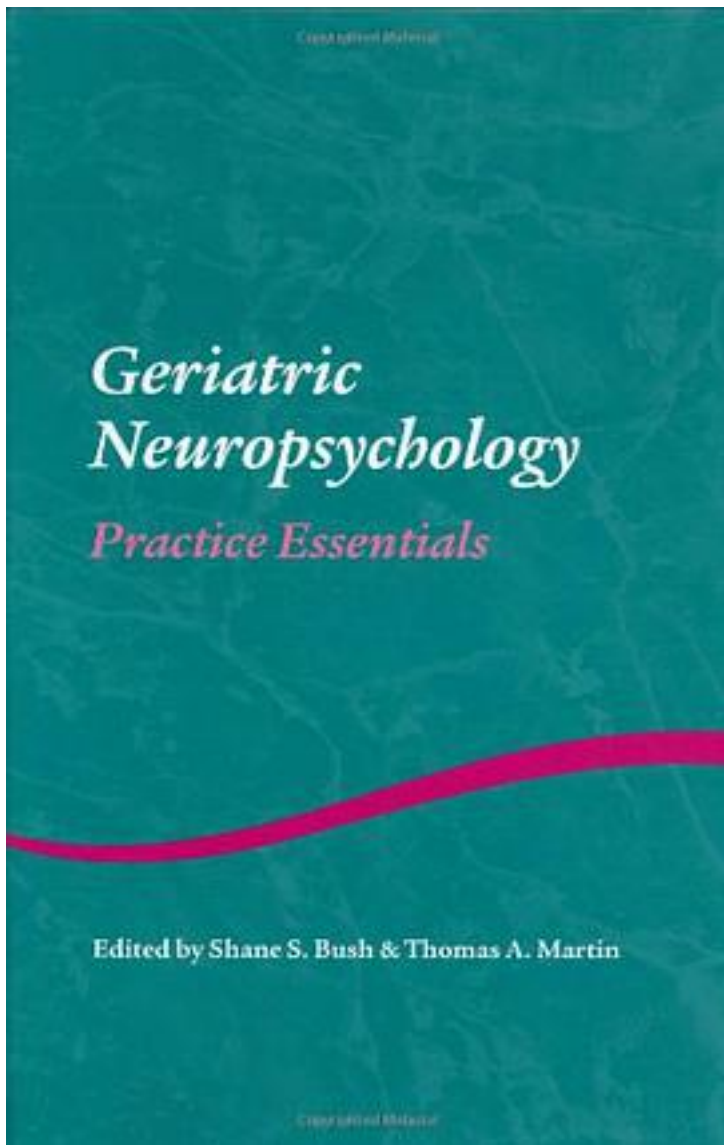


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Advancing age is associated with a number of neurological conditions, including dementia, cerebrovascular disease, and traumatic brain injury. In addition, chronic medical conditions (e.g. diabetes), emotional disturbance, and medications may compromise the neuropsychological functioning of older adults. Geriatric neuropsychology is a growing specialty, with neuropsychologists ideally suited to diagnose and treat many of the cognitive disorders experienced by the elderly. While many resources are available to inform the neuropsychologist on aspects of geriatric neuropsychology, this book is designed to be a comprehensive resource that addresses the numerous clinical challenges facing neuropsychologists working with geriatric populations. The text provides a lifespan developmental approach to neuropsychology. It addresses the many issues in neuropsychological assessment that differ between younger and older adults. It describes the symptoms, neuropathology, diagnostic considerations, and treatment options of common neurological disorders associated with aging. It also addresses special considerations related to geriatric neuropsychology, such as ethical issues, family systems issues, decision-making capacity, cultural consideration, and medical/medication/substance use issues. Additionally, a list of resources for the elderly and their families is also provided.

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