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ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (AD/HD) AND THE HYPERKINETIC SYNDROME (HKS): CURRENT IDEAS AND WAYS FORWARD

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The contributions to this book were written by prominent AD/HD researchers from around the world that have a wealth of clinical experience. There has been a geometric increase in the interest in the problems of AD/HD over the last ten years. Matching the leap in the public's interest, huge strides have been made in understanding the determinants of the course of AD/HD, and the underlying neurobiology or biopsychology (neuroimaging, neurotransmitter activity, genetics). A revolution is in progress in how we view this disorder of development. The chapters in this book reflect the different fields of study (assessment, genetics, culture, neurochemistry, neurophysiology, imaging brain activity) to show how we are on the brink of a better understanding of what can be skewed in our development at different levels of explanation: such an understanding is the most basic requisite to knowing how we should best cope with AD/HD.

The professional therapist, whether psychologist or psychiatrist, will find in each chapter an account of the stepping stones towards our improved concept of AD/HD – and with this - insights on where AD/HD and HKS research is headed.

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