Functional Behavioral Assessment, Diagnosis, And Treatment, Second Edition: A Complete System For Education And Mental Health Settings
As a teaching and instructional guide, Functional Behavior Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment is a first-rate resource for students and young professionals new to the field of ABA or looking to expand their knowledge and practice competencies."--New England Psychologist [This book provides] the practicing behavior analyst [with] a well-grounded tool in completing the process from analysis to treatment. I highly recommend the book for all practicing behavior analysts as well as for graduate students entering the field. Michael F. Dorsey, Ph.D., BCBA Professor of Program in Applied Behavior Analysis, Endicott College ...one of the most detailed, practical, and useful textbooks geared for behavioral graduate students who are also concurrent practitioners....I learned a lot in one semester with the use of this textbook. Albee Ongsuco Doctoral Student, Pediatric School Psychology, East Carolina University Ever since I began assigning Functional Behavioral Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment for my courses on behavioral assessment, I have had no complaints (from students) about giving out too many pages to read each week. In fact, I have only had positive comments about how the material in this book really helps them to apply what they are learning in class to their work with clients. Now I recommend this text to faculty I supervise for their courses on functional assessment and treatment planning! Jose A. Martinez-Diaz, PhD, BCBA-D Professor and Associate Dean, Graduate School of Behavior Analysis Florida Institute of Technology & CEO, ABA Technologies, Inc. Now in its second edition, this popular text provides a comprehensive approach to functional behavioral assessment, a function-based diagnostic classification system of the target problem, and functional behavioral treatment. This new edition also provides a wealth of new case studies, some drawn from the authors’ own clinical experiences, in addition to a greater analysis of the role of establishing operations (EO) and abolishing operations (AO). An ideal textbook for courses in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), this book helps students cultivate an in-depth understanding of assessing, diagnosing, and treating problem behaviors in a functional perspective. Key features: Provides a methodology for functional behavioral assessment, including indirect as well as direct measurement techniques such as analogue and in-situ methods Includes innovative recommendations for conducting descriptive and trigger analyses and discusses how to use them in assessment and treatment evaluation Presents a function-based, diagnostic classification system for diagnosing problem behaviors, as well as functional diagnostic system for assessing the current strength of potential replacement behaviors Includes integrated online ancillary materials for students-brief narrated PowerPoint presentations and video lectures-ideal for generating class discussions Features an online instructor’s manual, including test items and PowerPoint slides for use in lectures
I finished my BCBA coursework almost a year ago and I still reference back to this book frequently. I'm an MFT who also has their BCBA and when I speak with parents about their children's behavior I often use concepts that I've grasped from this book. Highly recommend it for parents, teachers, or mental health therapists.

Book is nice and compact, and not ridiculously long, and from what I read so far, it is very well written. Dr. Cipiani is the director of the psychological department at the school I attend currently, and I am pleased to finally read something from one of my professors, directors, or instructor. If you are attending college for an ABA degree or license you may want to pick this book up.

I must thank Dr. Cipani and Shock for presenting Functional Assessment of Behavior in Depth and with great clarity in this book. The most enriching feature is that the examples are from a variety of settings - autistic children, adult care homes, class room behavior of typically developing children, foster homes etc. It gives a lucid presentation of methodological problems and how to overcome them - read especially on how they treat the subject of making recording ABC data meaningful. There is much more subtlety to this exercise than one suspected from a preliminary understanding. The language used strikes a good balance between being technical and intelligible. In the final analysis, I'd not hesitate to recommend this to any student or practitioner of Applied Behavior
This book is excellent! The authors guide the reader through the entire process of assessment to program design. For practitioners, it presents many useful, detailed procedures from the authors’ real life experiences. For students, the material is presented in an entertaining, accessible format that is quite effective. Thus, I highly recommend this text. Eb Blakely, Ph.D., BCBA-D - Assistant Professor, Florida Institute of Technology

I really love this book (as do my professors who have their doctorates in ABA and special ed respectively). It is well written and everything written is sound. I would not recommend this book for someone who does not know the jargon that goes along with the field as it is quite technical.

I am a behavioral specialist consultant and often perform FBAs in the field. Although I have had trainings and experience in FBAs this book really provides another way of looking at the whole process and identifying appropriate interventions.

This book was required for class, obviously if you need it for class then buy it. If you’re reading it as a BCBA or BCABA, it’s not that great of a text. I bought the e-book, I just felt like it was very short and not too informational.

This text is an excellent resource for professionals as well as parents/caregivers. The information is conveyed in a manner that is easily understood and numerous examples are provided to illustrate the concepts. The author’s cite many studies completed by reliable sources.