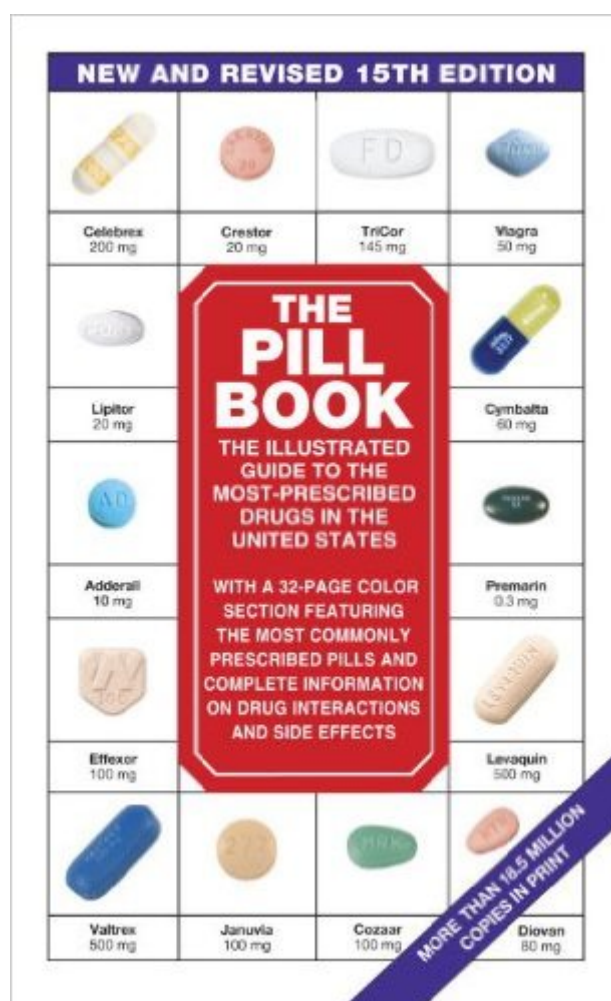


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# The Pill Book (15th Edition): New And Revised 15th Edition (Pill Book (Mass Market))



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## Customer Reviews

I just received my new, 15th edition of THE PILL BOOK and am happy to say it continues the same happy tradition I know from earlier PILL BOOKS. This book lets you look up every prescription medication in the USA, even recent ones, whether by trade name (e.g., Halcion) or generic

description (Triazolam) -- if there are exceptions to that universality I don't know of them. The listing will tell you much more than a doctor will, or even a pharmacy information sheet -- common dosages (even photos of the most popular pills, for example Plate "M" for Halcion/Triazolam), class of medication (such as Benzodiazepine sedative), what it's for and how it works, common and rare side effects, what to do if you've missed a dose, what not to take concurrently, what to do if you overdose or have negative reactions, and so on. For the average mature American who takes several prescription meds (or more), this is probably the wisest nine bucks you can spend. Very highly recommended.

I do not like the way this book is organized. The difference between this format and past formats is that they group all of the drugs into categories and generalize the information accordingly. For instance, they classify all painkillers under "narcotic analgesics" and then they speak on general terms about narcotics. If you are looking for specific information for oxycodone, for example, you cannot get it. You just get generalized information that applies to all narcotic analgesics. Also, there are very few pictures. If I could, I would trade this book out for an earlier version. It does not serve the purposes that I needed it for.

and this one truly is. Any family that gets more than one prescription filled a year can benefit from THE PILL BOOK. This book does its best to describe, thoroughly and patiently, the ins and outs of every prescription drug in America, what the drug is meant to do, the side effects, interactions, who should not be taking it, whether generics are available, what to do if abused, if you miss a dose, and so on. There are even color plates of the most widely prescribed drugs. Pharmacy handouts are useful, but what's in THE PILL BOOK is VITAL. It might even save your life; it certainly has saved me money and time. Get yourself the latest edition!

As a master's level clinician working in the mental health field for almost 10 years, I did find the Pill Book to be helpful. It gives excellent information about brand names, generic names, original uses for medications as well as other important aspects such as other uses, common to rare side effects, etc. The only part that I didn't care for was that I was unable to take the name of a medication and look it up following the pages in alphabetical order. So it wasn't as user-friendly as some of the other books like this I have used in the past. But I was able to utilize the table of contents for a certain medication and that seemed to work better. Overall, a solid job but with a few tweaks it could have been outstanding.

You can look up medications online, but why tie up your phone line, and take a while searching the sites to find information on medication, when you can just open the book up in a minute and find what you want(FAST!) This book has alot of info on medicines that the pharmacies didn't even tell me about. This is a Great book to lay in bed with and search up all the medicines that you have taken in the past, or are currently taking. It has All the information about all the dangers of taking it with other medications, What the side effects are, Descriptions, and EVERYTHING you would ever Want to know about the medicine. It's a smaller book thats easy to carry and take with you, anywhere. This book has it all, Pictures, brand names, generic names and side effects of the medication, Etc, etc, etc..This book is a MUST HAVE book! It's worth every cent! I give this book an "A"

With all the different drugs on the market today and taking into consideration the possibility of drug interactions and side effects, it is vital to stay informed. Recently my wife was prescribed two different medications by her doctor. Taking them together could have been a threat to her life, neither the druggist nor the prescribing doctor warned her about the side effects that would take place if she took both medications within 4 to 6 hours of each other. The Pill book did! GET THIS IN YOUR HOME! Think generics are exactly the same as brand name drugs? Think again!

I was able to find out more about the drugs I take from this book than from any doctor or pharmacist I have ever talked to. It tells you about drugs you shouldn't mix with each other, foods to avoid and lots of other important facts.

The Pill Book is one of the most informative and easy to read reference books for laymen. It equips the patient with much valuable information on what the drug is prescribed for, its side effects and food/drug interactions. My only critique would be that in the 8th edition, which I currently have, pregnancy is addressed without specifying the risk category; information that I feel is important. Overall, I'm very satisfied with the book--it's very evident by the wear and tear it has received from much reading! A definite must-have for all households.

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