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Synopsis

Predicting future violence among criminal offenders is notoriously difficult. In the previous editions of this popular book, the authors argued that community risk management is best done with actuarial assessment. Combining what is known about violence prediction, clinical decision making, and the literature on treatment outcome and program evaluation, they introduced and chronicled the development of their landmark assessment instruments, the Violence Risk Appraisal Guide (VRAG) and Sex Offender Risk Appraisal Guide. These have become go-to resources for forensic psychologists in the trenches today. In this third edition, the authors review the major changes in the risk assessment field, which include a much larger and richer empirical literature, a focus on dynamic risk management among supervised offenders, and commentaries on the use and effectiveness of expert clinical judgment in determining risk. Perhaps most importantly, they also introduce the VRAG-R, a new actuarial tool that is easier to score than the VRAG and the SORAG while delivering equally accurate results. Written with the authors' usual clarity and keen insight, this book is a must-read for legal professionals and forensic psychologists, policymakers, and all those working with offender populations who hope to eliminate recidivism.

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Excellent book on the actuarial instrument that has the strongest research and validation studies to support its use in appraising violent risk for offenders and offenders with mental health issues. Should be required reading for anyone working in the field of forensic psychology, particularly

violence risk assessment.

Essential for my job. I highly recommend it for risk of violence assessments

Top notch review by top notch researchers...

Omitting the never before best sensitivity specificity Standard Predictor for finding at-risk violent prone and the only targeting of at-risk violent prone studies in the world in Chicago with the "Culture of Calm" that lowered homicides 32% shootings 46% & assaults 77% from 2009-2012 and then the "Summer Plus One Program" that also targets at risk with jobs, mentors & cognitive behavior therapy anger management is a crucial misstep. Other risk assessments reviewed here miss 1 out of 4. Would you treat non-diabetics with insulin? Then forget this book. The issue with the VRAG and the SORAG is that they miss so many who could do harm. Would you go to a mechanic who could tune your car correctly only 75% of the time, or a shoemaker who could fix your heels 75%? No. So don't waste your time.

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