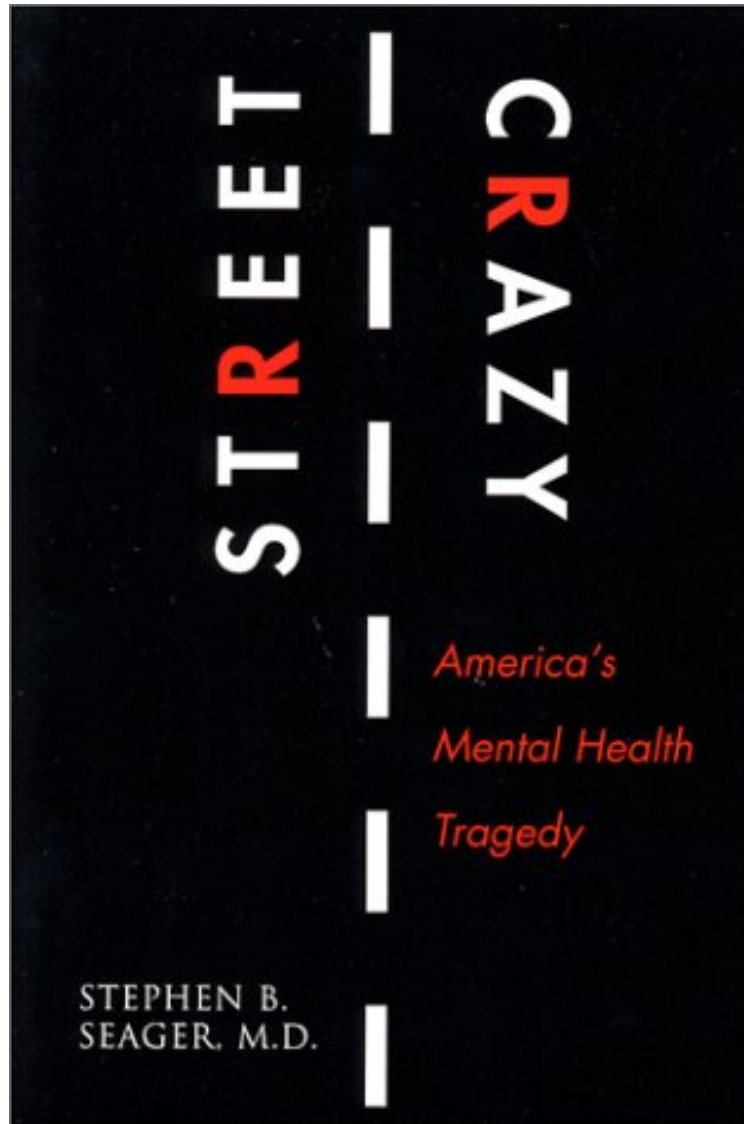


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book that tells what has caused society terrible problems.By Sarah StoneLike all of Dr. Seager's books this is very informative and an easy read. I remember the havoc that occurred in Washington state when many mentally impaired individuals were sent out to live on the streets. This increased the numbers of homeless people and in the mix were some who were criminals or potential

criminals. Turning patients out into a society that cannot care for, or legally deal with, is not morally, or ethically right. To do so because of budgetary issues is not acceptable. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Unique Perspective By Customer I come from the outpatient side of the mental health field, as a licensed social worker rather than a physician who worked largely with the homeless for six years. There is a treatment resistant core group of extremely mentally ill homeless people for which again and again, my co-workers and I struggled to find solutions. There are some new modalities starting that show promise, such as the housing first model and the idea of using motivational interviewing and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams to get out on the streets and engage over and over again until the clients "come in", but the stories the author portrays are heartbreakingly common in the world of caretakers for the homeless mentally ill. The book is not a prescriptive, and I think its target audience is not so much current professionals but policy makers and laymen who have a stake in "cleaning up the streets". Understanding the problem helps substantially in fixing it, and Dr. Seager's delineation of the limitations of the mental health field's ability to fix the problem alone is spot on. I highly recommend this book for anyone getting ready to work in the field of inpatient mental health, community mental health, or homeless services. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! Entertaining and Educating By Nee I really enjoyed reading his story. He explained the history regarding the stigma of mental illness. He gave the reader a good understanding of the tragedies that occur every day and how our mental health and legal systems are horribly not working to care for the ill. I recommend this book.

STREET CRAZY recounts one psychiatrist's experience with the mentally ill, who have often become homeless because of their disease. Using clear, straight-forward language, Dr. Stephen B. Seager explains brain disease, tells the often disturbing history of the mentally ill, and shows how, through a series of well-meaning legal mishaps, our most vulnerable citizens have been abandoned to the streets. By following Dr. Seager as he unravels the mystery behind John Doe, a sick young man brought to the hospital by the police, the reader will come to understand the degradation and suffering of the chronically mentally ill and their families, as well as the frustration and confusion experienced by those most intimately involved with caring for the homeless mentally ill. Finally, the author suggests some real action that we, as U.S. citizens, can take to solve this morally untenable but seemingly insurmountable dilemma.

"Fantastic! The movement to improve the plight of the homeless mentally ill has found a clear voice. STREET CRAZY will be the equivalent of Ralph Nader's Unsafe at Any Speed or Rachel Carson's Silent Spring. Mental illness profoundly affects most of us, often through the sad story of a sick relative or friend, and if you've ever wondered what was happening, this book will answer your questions simply and clearly. I can't recommend STREET CRAZY highly enough." Carla Jacobs, Board of Directors for NAMI -- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill "Fantastic! The plight of the homeless mentally ill has found a clear voice." -- Carla Jacobs, Former Board Member, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill About the Author Dr. Stephen B. Seager worked as a public sector psychiatrist in Los Angeles County for nine years. He is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine. Currently, he divides his time between writing and practicing psychiatry. He lives in Torrance, California. Street Crazy is his fourth book.