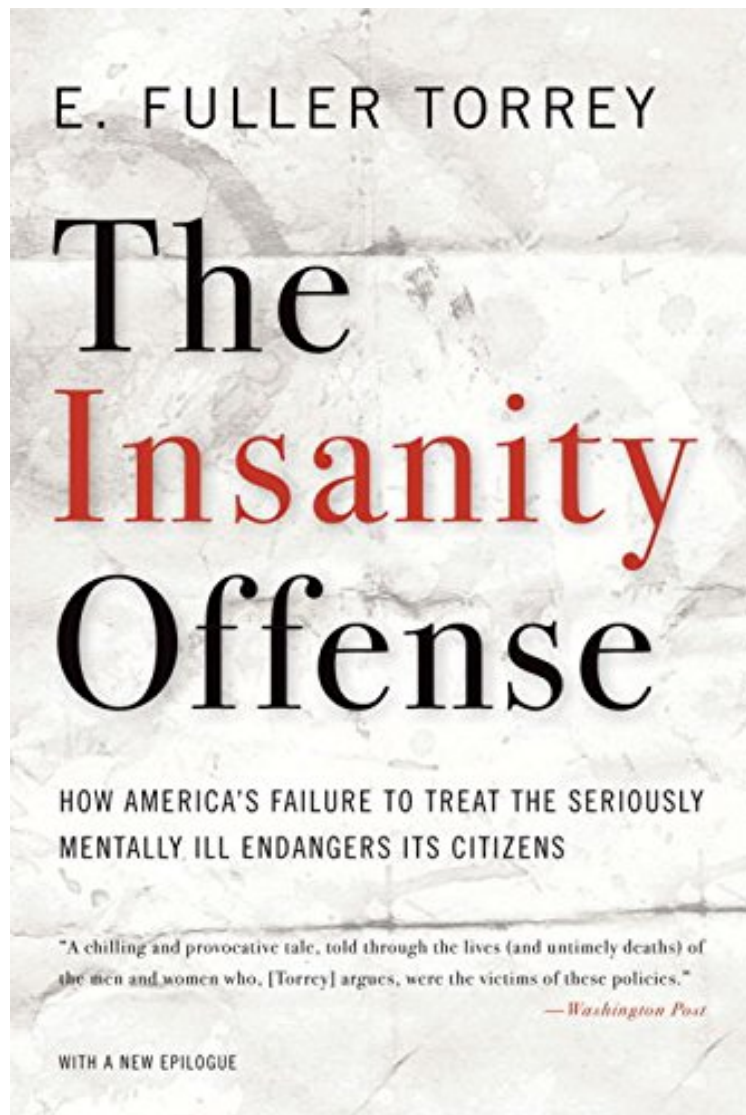


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I read both American Psychosis and The Insanity Offense Together. After going through absolute hell and losing my mother in law to her mental illness (in a murder suicide) it's at least some relief to know that we tried our best in the terrible mental health system that exists in the USA. Torrey's books describe the history of how this happened in detail, offer possible solutions as well as chronicling the death toll from this dysfunctional and broken system that results in homelessness, death and broken families every day.
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"Vital for all working in the mental health field . . . Fascinating reading for anyone." Choice
E. Fuller Torrey, the author of the definitive guides to schizophrenia and manic depression, chronicles a disastrous swing in the balance of civil rights that has resulted in numerous violent episodes and left a vulnerable population of mentally ill people homeless and victimized. Interweaving in-depth accounts of landmark cases in California, Wisconsin, and North Carolina with a history of legislation and changes in the mental health care system, Torrey gives shape to the magnitude of our failure and outlines what needs to be done to reverse this ongoing and accelerating disaster. A new epilogue on the 2011 shooting in Tucson, Arizona, brings this tragic story up to date.