B+ **NMS Psychiatry**
Scully
General review of topics in outline format with questions at the end of each chapter and a comprehensive final exam. **Pros:** Well-written text with concise disease discussions. Includes an expanded pharmacology section. Questions test appropriate content and have complete explanations, and the new edition offers more vignette-style questions. Good companion text for clerkship. **Cons:** Not enough vignette-style questions. Lengthy for purposes of boards review. **Summary:** Detailed review that requires time commitment. Good single choice for clerkship study and boards review.

B+ **First Aid for the Psychiatry Clerkship**
Stead
High-yield review of symptoms and diseases. **Pros:** Comprehensive review that includes DSM-IV criteria with nice mnemonics and scenarios. Includes high-yield tear-out cards. **Cons:** May not appeal to readers who prefer information in text format. **Summary:** Good review of high-yield topics in psychiatry, but better suited for the wards than to the Step 2 exam.

B **Blueprints Q & A Step 2 Psychiatry**
Clement
Two hundred vignette-style questions. **Pros:** Nice companion to the Blueprints series. Focuses on high-yield topics. Explanations are easy to follow. **Cons:** Not comprehensive; use as a supplement for review. Sparse images. Some questions are esoteric and not boards-like. **Summary:** Organized and easy-to-read supplement. Adds clinical correlates to the Blueprints series.

B **Psychiatry Made Ridiculously Simple**
Good
Part of the “Made Ridiculously Simple” series. **Pros:** Comprehensive, fast read with nice tables and entertaining illustrations to highlight key points. **Cons:** Some areas are not detailed enough; other areas are too verbose. Not boards oriented. **Summary:** Good, fast review, but more helpful for clerkship than for boards.