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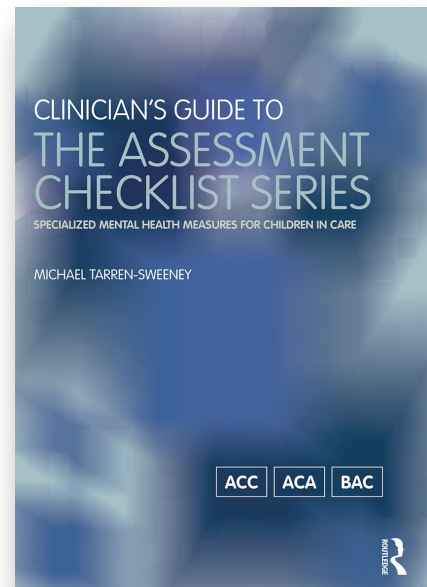
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CONTENTS: Part I: Overview and User Information. Part II: Interpreting Assessment Checklist Score: Guidelines and Research Findings. Part III: Development and Psychometric Properties.

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