The Chemical Gag: Why Psychiatrists Give Neuroleptics

From asthma to "schizophrenia," from bed-wetting to "neurosis," from skin-irritation to depression, there is scarcely a diagnosis that cannot result in the application of neuroleptics (including Haldol, Stelazine, Thorazine, Chlorpromazine, Modecate and many others).

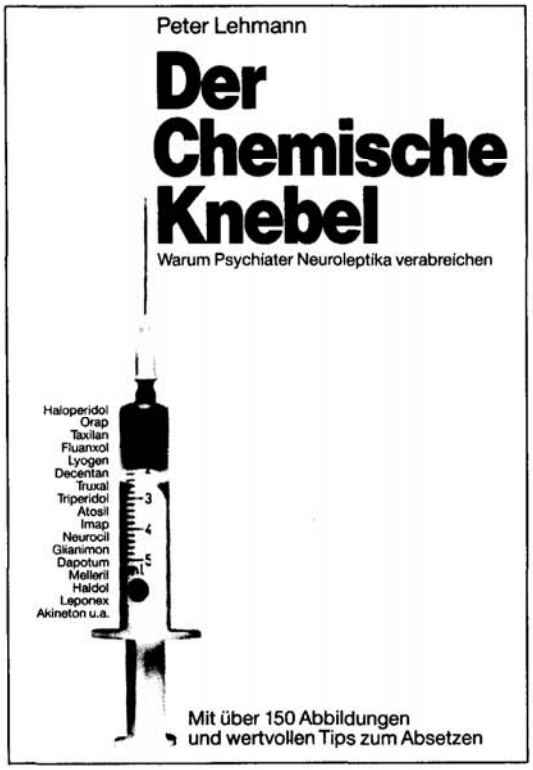
Peter Lehmann's new book, The Chemical Gag – Why Psychiatrists Give Neuroleptics, is based on unpublished investigations conducted by psychiatrists and by companies that manufacture neuroleptics.

Lehmann is a founding member of Irren-Offensive, Berlin's anti-psychiatry group, and has himself been "treated" with many psychiatric drugs. His years of research have resulted in a vividly-written book that allows non-physicians to comprehend how neuroleptics work by paralyzing the transmission of nerve impulses. The book also details the severe physical, mental and psychic damage caused by neuroleptics, which include parkinsonism (shaking palsy), disorders of the brain rhythm and of the hormonal glands, fatigue, apathy and confusion – even when neuroleptics are used briefly, and in low doses.

Lehmann shows that these "secondary effects" are in reality the main effects desired by psychiatrists, and argues that neuroleptics are poisonous agents, the use of which should be stopped immediately.

Lehmann draws comparisons between the older psychiatric practices of sterilization (common during the German fascist dictatorship, and before) and the sterilizing effect of long-acting neuroleptics, and also between the mental and psychic consequences of lobotomy (surgical brain-mutilation) and those of neuroleptic treatment.

The book's extensive supplement includes an itemized-catalogue of both North American and European neuroleptics, concrete proposals for a system of humane assistance to replace psychiatric treatment, an inventory of more than 150 shocking photographs of psychiatric practices, and an exhaustive reference list of essential research works. There is also a chapter especially dedicated to withdrawal from neuroleptics.



Do you know what malformations were found in babies of mothers treated with neuroleptics during pregnancy?

Do you know that neuroleptic-induced damage develops after even the shortest treatment, and regardless of dosage?

Do you know why neuroleptics can drive people into a state of despair and, especially together with certain external life-circumstances, even to suicide?

Do you know that psychiatrists are researching the possibility of implanting deposits of neuroleptics into people's internal organs to secure long-term, or even lifelong treatment?

If you are interested in these questions and understand some German, you should read The Chemical Gag – Why Psychiatrists Give Neuroleptics (Der chemische Knebel – Warum Psychiater Neuroleptika verabreichen).

This hardcover book, 448 pages long, was published in Berlin in 1986 by Peter Lehmann Antipsychiatrieverlag, and costs DM 29,80, or about $13 Canadian.

Your local bookstore can order The Chemical Gag by contacting Rotation at 1000 Berlin-West or at Sale, Mehringdamm 51. Or you can order it directly from the author (free of extra postal charges), by sending DM 29,80 to the Peter Lehmann Antipsychiatrieverlag Berlin, Postgiroconto 8929-104 Berlin (clearly indicating your address).

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