



The Reproduction of Evil

A CLINICAL & CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

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The Reproduction of Evil: A Clinical & Cultural Perspective (Relational Perspectives Book Series)



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Why is it that victims of abuse frequently become perpetrators, and what may psychoanalysis give to these survivor-perpetrators, whose criminal carry out seems to transcend the options of empathic psychoanalytic inquiry. Through intensive case research, Grand draws the reader into the world of the survivor-perpetrators who commit works of child misuse, of incest, of racial persecution, also of homicide and genocide. Her goal is definitely to elucidate the link between traumatic memory and the perpetration of evil. To this end, she presents an interdisciplinary analysis, simultaneously scholarly and passionate, of the ways in which families and cultures transform victims of malignant trauma into perpetrators of these extremely traumas on others. In *The Reproduction of Evil*, Sue Grand engages these deeply troublesome problems in the belief that psychoanalysts can and really should reclaim the analysis of what lies beyond normal human empathy. Important reading for a wide clinical audience, *The Reproduction of Evil* will also be powerfully useful for educational and lay readers interested in the intrapsychic, interpersonal, and cultural factors that account for the perpetuation of evil from era to generation. Her analysis of the psychodynamic processes and cultural tensions that bind perpetrators, victims, and bystanders provides trenchant insights into the violence and fragmentation that beset our society. By interweaving psychoanalytic, sociohistorical, and literary perspectives, Grand fills a crucial lacuna in the literature about trauma and its own intergenerational transmission. By infusing psychoanalytic inquiry with cultural evaluation and by supplementing clinical vignettes with well-selected literary illustrations, Grand has the capacity to convey the survivor-perpetrator's immediacy of experience in a fashion that readers could find unsettling, even uncanny.



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A remarkable contribution which has deepened and informed might work ...) enriched by the author's literary and traditional knowledge.)/relational psychoanalysis (Mitchell, Harris, et. al. A highly initial and eloquent synthesis of dissociation theory (Bromberg, et.) and neo-Kleinien theory (Ogden, et. al. al. A remarkable contribution that has deepened and informed might work with sufferers who split off their murderous rage within the dissociated self declare that also preserves the feeling of injured innocence of the victimized child.



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