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object relations theory has caused a fundamental reorientation of psychodynamic thought in object relations theory and practice dr david e scharff acclimates readers to the language and culture of this therapeutic perspective and provides carefully selected excerpts from seminal theorists as well as explanations of their thinking and clinical experience he offers readers an unparalleled resource for understanding object relations psychotherapy and theory and applying it to the practice of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis the book s sequence establishes the centrality of relationships in this theory the internalization of experience with parents splitting projective identification the role of the relationship between mother and young child in development and transference and countertransference in the therapeutic action of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy this book will introduce students to the basics to the widening scope of object relations theory and to its application to psychoanalysis and individual group and family psychotherapy

emphasizing the transformational possibilities that grow out of their relational model of therapy david e and jill savege scharff invite us into the territory of interactive journeys with individual patients in this latest entry in their library of object relations a synergistic mix of clarity and passion informs their review of principles and procedures to land us on the continent of self and object relations that each dyad will explore anew each journey touches the therapist in a different way drawing on and challenging different capacities co directors of the international institute for object relations therapy the scharffs authoritatively introduce the origins fairbairn klein winnicott bion key tenets and recent advances in the evolution of analytic theory into relational form their integral elucidation of

clinical practice structure technique case examples affirms and actualizes their vision of transference and countertransference as collateral reciprocal subjective experiences a contemporary classic

in their groundbreaking a primer of object relations jill savege scharff and david e scharff answered readers questions about this burgeoning field in remarkably clear and readable prose it is difficult to imagine any other team of authors who could provide such a comprehensive survey of the broad applications of object relations theory and in the second edition of this authoritative work the scharffs draw from their years of clinical experience to create an inclusive and up to date manual for object relations theory that is certain to become a classic in the field

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perhaps the acid test for any book on psychoanalytic theory is the light it sheds on the complex problems that a therapist faces this book passes that test with flying colors i now see my patients in a different light and i have changed my approach with beneficial results samuel l bradshaw jr the bulletin of the menninger clinic a jason aronson book

glickauf hughes and wells present a clear and well organized review of personality development according to object relations theorists they offer an explanation and critique of each major theorist note issues on which there is disagreement along with areas of investigation not fully explored and present implications for treatment concepts are well defined and one gets the sense of a cohesive body

of knowledge possibly more cohesive than it actually is those unfamiliar with object relations theory will have a good outline those who know enough to be confused will find some clarification journal of psychotherapy practice and research

with a mix of theory practical advice and illustrative clinical material the object relations lens is a compelling and indispensable resource for any clinician interested in applying the object relations model to their clinical or academic work as accessible to trainees as it is to experienced clinicians dr christopher miller clearly outlines object relations theory leveraging clinical vignettes to underline the framework s applicability both in therapy and acute care settings readers in academic settings will also find experience near ways of assimilating the concepts introduced in the book as well as best practices for utilizing supervision and extensive literature recommendations with a detailed discussion of the neuroscientific model of object relations and the integration of concepts from other schools of psychoanalytic thought that help consolidate certain discussion points this volume will provide readers with an updated and scientifically informed understanding of how object relations theory can be harmonized with psychiatric theory and practice

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offers an indepth and thoughtful exploration of the relevance of psychoanalysis to family therapy

aimed at beginning therapists and those new to object relations this concise work introduces the reader to the practice of psychodynamic psychotherapy from an object relations o r perspective in a dynamic and easy to follow way one of the four main schools of psychodynamic psychotherapy o r is regarded as particularly challenging both conceptually and practically the book presents object relations in a clear and concise manner that makes it especially applicable for regular use in

the clinical setting moreover the author writes in a narrative style similar to actual psychotherapy supervision dialogues between a therapist and a fictitious patient appear throughout the book to illustrate common clinical situations designed to complement actual training in psychotherapy the book suggests ways in which the therapist can incorporate object relations tools with other forms of therapy regardless of the clinical setting ideal for students trainees and clinicians in psychiatry psychology social work family medicine and psychiatric nursing the little psychotherapy book will prove invaluable for any reader seeking a helpful and succinct introduction to object relations in psychotherapy

this book focuses on the psychoanalytic theory of object relations in order to integrate certain pertinent elements of fairbairn s theory of object relations to achieve the proposed revision by perls et al of gestalt therapy s theory of the self

in object relations theories and psychopathology a comprehensive text frank summers provides thorough lucid and critically informed accounts of the work of major object relations theorists fairbairn guntrip klein winnicott kernberg and kohut his expositions achieve distinction on two counts first the work of each object relations theorist is presented as a comprehensive whole with separate sections expounding the theorist s ideas and assumptions about metapsychology development psychopathology and treatment with a critical evaluation of the strengths and limitations of the theory in question second the emphasis in each chapter is on issues of clinical understanding and technique making extensive use of case material provided by each of the theorists he shows how each object relations theory yields specific clinical approaches to a variety of syndromes and how these approaches entail specific modifications in clinical technique beyond his detailed attention to the theoretical and technical differences among object relations theories summers penultimate chapter discusses the similarities and differences of object relations and interpersonal theories and his concluding chapter outlines a pragmatic object relations approach to development psychopathology and technique that combines elements of all object relations

theories without opting for any single theory object relations theories and psychopathology is that rare event in psychoanalytic publishing a substantial readable text that surveys a broad expanse of theoretical and clinical landscape with erudition sympathy and critical perspective it will be essential reading for all analysts psychologists psychiatrists and social workers who wish to familiarize themselves with object relations theories in general sharpen their understanding of the work of specific object relations theorists or enhance their ability to employ these theories in their clinical work

the ring of fire stands for the life cycle of both the universe and each individual being the circular dance of nature in the eternal process of creation and destruction at the same time the light radiated by the ring of flames symbolizes eternal wisdom and transcendental illumination j e ciriot a dictionary of symbols the circular form in which the group is seated symbolizes its unity connectedness and cohesion as well as its microcosmic relation to the larger world of human evolution culture and the life cycle foulkes bion and others have identified primitive layers of affect and object relations where universal collective themes and early infantile object relations are re experienced and repeated in the meeting place for healing called the therapy group in this context very profound emotions and energies are released which have deep implications for change and growth provided the therapist can manage and respond to them effectively this book brings together a collection of new and original contributions to an understanding of primitive object relations and intensely critical emotional states which present the maximum challenge to the group psychotherapist the ring of fire an international group of colleagues based primarily in great britain and the united states address areas of special interest to them and to which they have devoted considerable research and therapeutic effort they provide insights into the dynamics of these issues and guide the therapist in the management and interpretation of the group events as they unfold while much has been written on primitive group states the information is scattered throughout many journals and books and all too often does not address the practical problems faced by the

group therapist in practical terms furthermore there have been significant developments in affect theory and object relations theory which have yet to be assimilated sufficiently into the theory and technique of group psychotherapy this book attempts to reduce that gap as it concentrates on the relevance of concepts to treatment in accordance with kurt lewin s maxim there is nothing so practical as a good theory ring of fire will be invaluable to group psychotherapy supervisors beginning and experienced group therapists students and supervisors of group psychotherapy and group dynamics and organizational consultants who utilize group dynamics principles in their work victor I schermer is a clinical psychologist in private practice in philadelphia he is executive director of the study group for contemporary psychoanalytic process and director of the institute for the study of human conflict malcolm pines was until his recent retirement consultant psychiatrist at the tavistock clinic london and is a member of the group analytic practice

in the last two decades object relations theory has crossed the atlantic and taken america by storm the enthusiasm among american clinicians for the british school however has led to a host of problems related to the need to master a new terminology the difficulty in assimilating object relations theory is one more example of the aphorism that america and england are two countries separated by a common language the scharffs have taken a giant step forward in assisting american therapists in their efforts to master the language of object relations theory with this primer they have anticipated the reader s questions at every turn and have answered them in remarkably clear and readable prose terms like projective identification holding containment and self are freed from obscurity and made entirely understandable to even the novice clinician the authors then apply these concepts to a variety of clinical settings the scharffs are equally at home when doing individual family marital group or sex therapy it is difficult to imagine any other team of authors who could provide such a comprehensive survey of the broad applications of object relations theory students in all the mental health professions will find this slim volume to be an extraordinarily useful introduction

to the field

this is a short primer on object relations therapy the content of the book derives from students most frequently asked questions together with the scharffs responses in an easy dialogue format the scharffs take readers beyond the forbidding aspects of theory and given them access to object relations therapy as a way of thinking and working that is easily understood and readily applicable to clinical practice

self and others is addressed to students and practitioners of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy its 19 chapters are divided into five evenly balanced parts the first rubric self others and ego introduces us to the units of the intersubjective constitution we have come to know as object relations theory the second rubric developing object relations is a confluence of lessons derived from infant studies and the psychotherapeutic process specifically from the work of mahler and kernberg third hamilton integrates into an object relations continuum mahler s developmental stages and organizational series with nosological entities and levels of personality organization under the penultimate rubric treatment levels of object relatedness and types of psychopathology are grounded in considerations of technique in treatment and generous clinical vignettes are provided to illustrate the technical issues cited last the rubric of broader contexts takes object relations theory out of the consulting room into application areas that include folklore myth and transformative themes on the self small and large groups applications of object relations theory outside psychoanalysis and the evolutionary history and politics of object relations theory this volume thus presents an integrative theory of object relations that links theory with practice but more than that hamilton accomplishes his objective of delineating an integrative theory that is quite free of rivalry between schools of thought an indispensable contribution to beginning psychoanalytic candidates and other practitioners as well as those who wish to see the application of object relations theories to fields outside of psychoanalysis psychoanalytic books a quarterly

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rising above the polemics surrounding sexual and physical abuse david and jill savege scharff bring a relational perspective to the integration of psychoanalytic and trauma theories in order to understand the effects of overwhelming physical or psychological trauma including sexual abuse injury and birth defect the scharffs draw from their object relations therapy with individuals families and couples recovering from trauma an abundance of relevant clinical examples described in their characteristically personal and vivid style their treatment approach influenced by fairbairn klein and winnicott is respectful of the patient s experience they advise avoiding premature interpretations that impose their own reality on patients because this traumatizes them just as their abuser did in order to work well with these traumatized people the clinician must be able to tolerate ambiguity and sustain longterm therapy for it takes the patience of waiting and wondering to recover deeply repressed memories explore them thoroughly and evaluate their meaning and importance for the patient the scharffs demonstration of clinical processes helps therapists contain their own countertransference to trauma so as to be fully present with their clients and consistently able to confront abuse patterns in society the object relations approach not only deals with trauma s impact on the individual but views it in its cultural and interpersonal context as well society alternately emphasizes and ignores trauma so that an encapsulated traumatic experience festers until the next eruption just as dissociative defenses segmentally protect and exaggerate traumatic experience in the individual case the scharffs review kramer s mahlerian approach mcdougall s insights into the silence of the psyche and the words of the soma and anzieu s elaboration of the body ego they resuscitate freud s seduction hypothesis and the traumatic basis of the repetition compulsion they compare and contrast the concepts of repression and dissociation moving from there to develop an object relations perspective they draw on winnicott s concepts of the psychosomatic partnership the environmental and object mothers and the potential space klein s contributions of the infusion of aggression and death anxiety into developmentally critical

relationships fairbairn's view of the endopsychic situation with reference to his early unpublished papers on childhood sexual abuse that presage his later theory building and their own studies of couple and family dynamics classical psychoanalysis introduced theories of trauma but later devoted itself to the study of infantile trauma that caused conflict based neurosis rather than actual neurosis modern trauma theory on dissociative phenomena and post traumatic stress disorder studied after combat the holocaust and natural disasters comes from the fields of veteran and child developmental psychiatry hypnotism and multiple personality research trauma theory and psychoanalysis have been on separate tracks object relations theory offers a bridge between individual and societal experiences of trauma and prepares the way for a less dissociated response to trauma issues among the mental health professions and their psychotherapy literature

dr david scharff explores the role of sexuality in human relationships by combining his extensive experience in individual marital family and sex therapy with theoretical contributions from object relations theory and child development

now available in paperback in this volume different approaches to psychodynamic object relations approaches are examined it covers the important issues in the field with topics ranging from psychodynamic psychotherapy with undergraduate and graduate students to a relational feminist psychodynamic approach to sexual desire to psychodynamic object relations group therapy with schizophrenic patients

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