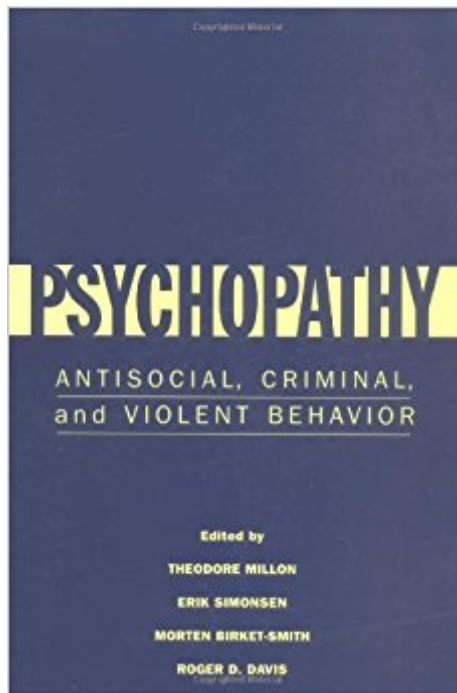




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This book covers the puzzling subject of a lack of a conscience that is very in-depth, which attempts to analyze the problem without wholly depending on moral or theological considerations. I suggest this reading for anyone who wishes to gain deeper insight into a most perplexing and troubling human matter.

I am a psychiatrist and was interested in learning more on psychopathy and this book is not well written

It is an important book for understanding the so-called human nature.

Awesome book, especially the 10 subtypes. My ex-boyfriend is the "disengenuous psychopath." Literally every sentence of the description fit him, except one. And I probably would have seen the infrequent rages if I had stayed in the relationship.

Clinical social workers working with this population would find this book very helpful.

I bought this as a gift for my son to add to his growing library. Very factual, not sensational graduate level work.

Some of the authors are harder to digest than others. Fair amount of jargon. But if you are curious and patient, this is an excellent reader and reference for laypersons as well as professionals. Serious scholarship and useful notes. Considerations are given to both biological/genetic causes as well as developmental causes of criminal behavior. This book is insightful if you are interested in personality disorders generally. Many of the essays explore the connections of psychopathy with borderline and narcissistic personality disorder, with an expected focus on narcissism. What I found particularly fascinating were theories regarding the nature of the hostility rooted in all such disorders. I came away thinking that "malignant narcissism", or "aggressive narcissism", as Meloy puts it, are far more accurate and descriptive terms than "psychopathy".

Utilizing this book in writing a paper for graduate school, I found it to be very helpful and thorough. The foremost experts in antisocial personality disorders and psychopathy have collaborated to comment on everything from history and etiology, to recent developments in comorbidity and treatment. A must have for anyone interested in the subject.-Lee Cohen

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