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Depression is the most common cause of referral to psychodynamic therapy, and this book remains the best guide therapists have to effectively address this pernicious problem. It stands alone as a clear, technical, research-informed guide for experts as well as beginning therapists. It should be on the shelf of all clinicians practicing psychotherapy of any modality. --Peter Fonagy, Freud Memorial Professor of Psychoanalysis and Head of the Research Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London; Chief Executive, Anna Freud Centre

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