This book presents thoughts on the latest psychodynamic developments and insights related to treatment of severe personality disorders. Dividing discussions into two sections—one on psychopathology and the other on psychotherapy—the book examines borderline personality disorder, narcissism, sexual inhibition, transference and countertransference, suicidal behavior, and eating disorders. Each chapter integrates the ideas of European and Latin American psychoanalytic thinkers, bringing them to the attention of English-speaking readers. The book includes a selection of recently published journal articles.

The chapter challenges the legal notion of dangerous and severe personality disorder from a sociological point of view. The author also argues for appreciating evaluative aspects of conceptual issues in psychiatry, in addition to the scientific perspective. Findings from a study in which the author conducted semi-structured interviews with mental health professionals who work in forensic settings are presented. Different values held by the respondents are grouped into six different models of sociopathy or psychopathic disorder. It is shown how different
values underlie different views on perceived dangerousness and psychopathy.

**Hatred as a Core Affect of Aggression**
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This chapter discusses the psychopathology of hatred and envy. Hatred is the more primitive, more direct derivative of rage in response to the experience of suffering, pain, or aggression; envy emerges as a special form of hatred under conditions of a relationship in which highly desirable and teasingly withheld aspects of the object complicate the experience of rageful frustration. Clarification of the subtle differences between these affects and their impact in the transference is a crucial aspect of psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic work with severe personality disorders.