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Abused by Therapy: How Searching for Childhood Trauma Can Damage Adult Lives

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Troubador Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Abused by Therapy: How Searching for Childhood Trauma Can Damage Adult Lives, Katharine Mair, Abused by Therapy debunks an enduring myth dating back to Freud, that certain conditions are nearly always caused by childhood trauma. Therapists believing this will use recovered memory therapy to search for this hidden cause behind current problems. They may find it - but what exactly are they finding? When their clients recover memories of horrifying trauma, often involving sexual abuse by their parents, does this reveal what really happened, or does it merely reflect the therapist's assumptions? This unique book gives an inside view of the process by which people are persuaded to rewrite their past history, so that loving parents become seen as abusers who must be rejected. The new memories may be completely false, yet they can shatter the lives of all concerned: not just the clients and their accused families, but also the therapists themselves, who become trapped into upholding increasingly implausible and distressing beliefs. An international campaign is now promoting the view that dissociative disorders, such as multiple personality disorder, are caused by severe early trauma. It is argued that there is no...



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