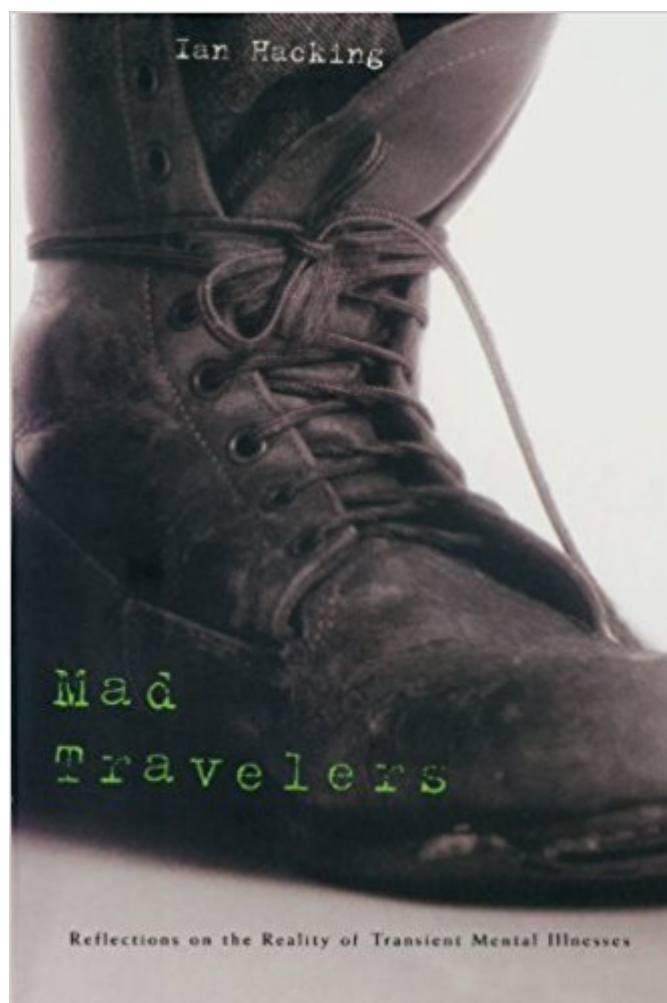


The book was found

Mad Travelers: Reflections On The Reality Of Transient Mental Illnesses



Synopsis

Hacking tells the fascinating tale of Albert Dadas, a native of France's Bordeaux region and the first diagnosed mad traveler. Dadas suffered from a strange compulsion that led him to travel obsessively, often without identification, not knowing who he was or why he traveled. Using the records of Philippe Tissi , Dadas's physician, Hacking attempts to make sense of this strange epidemic. In telling this tale, Hacking raises probing questions about the nature of mental disorders, the cultural repercussions of their diagnosis, and the relevance of this century-old case study for today's overanalyzed society.

Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Harvard University Press (November 30, 2002)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0674009541

ISBN-13: 978-0674009547

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #234,388 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #135 in Books > Medical Books > Psychology > History #157 in Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Psychology & Counseling > History #417 in Books > History > Europe > France

Customer Reviews

The curious history of a now defunct Victorian-era psychiatric disorder is the jumping-off point for a reflection on the relationship between mental illness and its cultural context by Hacking, a philosopher who has written on the phenomenon of multiple personality disorder (*Rewriting the Soul*). In a series of four essays originally delivered as the 1997 Page-Barbour Lectures at the University of Virginia, Hacking closely analyzes the history of the dissociative fugue, a malady that enjoyed a brief vogue in the 1890s, particularly in France. Its symptom was compulsive bouts of walking in a state of complete forgetfulness of one's identity. The most celebrated fugueur was one Albert Dadas, a young gasworker from Bordeaux whose walks of up to 70 km a day took him as far afield as Algeria and Russia. By 1909, the disorder had all but vanished from the attention of the medical community, effaced by the demise of the hysteria diagnosis of which it was a subset. In this thoughtful but sometimes tiresomely discursive volume, Hacking analyzes the "ecological niche"

that briefly allowed this illness and its diagnosis to flourish, combining details from the political and social contexts in which it was embedded along with excerpts from the doctor's chronicles of the Dadas case and anecdotes from medical history reaching from ancient Greece to the present. It would behoove us, Hacking writes, to think about how some of today's hot diagnoses—multiple personality disorder, PMS, ADD—might be equally niche-dependent. Yet, in his view, that would make them no less real. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Why do some mental illnesses flourish in certain times and places but later disappear? Reflecting on what he terms transient mental illness, philosopher-historian Hacking (Toronto: Rewriting the Soul, LJ 4/1/95) explores the diagnosis of fugue, an illness characterized by compulsive wandering and loss of memory, which was widely reported in late 19th-century western Europe. Philippe Tissie, an intern at Bordeaux Hospital, described the first case of fugue in 1887. In four lectures, Hacking discusses the relationship between Tissie and Albert Dadas (his subject) along with such associated topics as vagrancy, tourism, hypnosis, and the politics of contemporary European psychiatry. Though it can be difficult to follow (over half the text comprises notes, documents, and supplementary essays), this book is recommended for large academic or public libraries where there is an interest in the history of psychiatry. ALucille M. Boone, San Jose P.L., CA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Mad Travelers: Reflections on the Reality of Transient Mental Illnesses The complete roadside guide to Nebraska: And comprehensive description of items of interest to one and all travelers of the state, whether native or transplant, sendentary [sic] or transient Journey Untold My Mother's Struggle with Mental Illnesses: Bipolar, paranoid schizophrenia, or other forms of mental illness is debilitating for everyone including the families left to try to cope Eternal and Transient Elements in Human Life: The Cosmic Past of Humanity and the Mystery of Evil (Collected Works) Ptsd, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (Mental Illnesses and Disorders: Awareness and Understanding) Resources for Extraordinary Healing: Schizophrenia, Bipolar and Other Serious Mental Illnesses ADHD: A Mental Disorder or A Mental Advantage (2nd Edition) (ADHD Children, ADHD Adults, ADHD Parenting, ADD, Hyperactivity, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Mental Disorders) Train Your Brain & Mental Strength : How to Train Your Brain for Mental Toughness & 7 Core Lessons to Achieve Peak Mental Performance: (Special 2 In 1 Exclusive Edition) Fodor's French for Travelers, 1st edition (CD Package): More than 3,800 Essential Words and Useful Phrases (Fodor's

Languages/Travelers) Fodor's German for Travelers, 1st edition (CD Package): More than 3,800 Essential Words and Useful Phrases (Fodor's Languages/Travelers) Fodor's Italian for Travelers, 1st edition (CD Package): More than 3,800 Essential Words and Useful Phrases (Fodor's Languages/Travelers) Great American Vacations for Travelers with Disabilities: With Complete Accessibility Information on Hotels, Restaurants and Attractions (Fodor's ... Vacations for Travelers With Disabilities) Diamonds Are For Never: Crime Travelers Spy School Mystery Series Book 2 (Crime Travelers: a Lucas Benes Mystery) Eat, Drink, and Be Mad Libs (Adult Mad Libs) Just Married Mad Libs (Adult Mad Libs) My Bleeping Family Mad Libs (Adult Mad Libs) Mad About Animals Mad Libs Alice's Wonderland: A Visual Journey through Lewis Carroll's Mad, Mad World Good Days and Mad: A Hysterical Tour Behind the Scenes at Mad Magazine Dog eat Doug The Eleventh Comic Strip Collection: It's a Mad, Mad World...and I like it!

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)