INTRODUCTION TO BOOK REVIEWS

We begin this issue's collection of book reviews with a look at an eagerly awaited text edited by Jean Sanville and Joyce Edward. It was the editors' intent to examine current clinical social work practice that is informed by and enhanced by past and present psychoanalytic thinking. Ruth Grossman Dean writes clearly of the text's strengths and weaknesses. Also focusing on psychoanalytic contributions to the understanding of narcissism, primarily from the British school, is the book edited by Judy Cooper and Nilda Maxwell. Joan Schain-West appropriately reminds us that we all share narcissistic defenses which prevent us from taking the nontherapeutic position of *us* (the clinicians) vs. *them* (the clients).

In addition to the two books featured, I wanted to mention one noteworthy text I received that may be a helpful resource for clinicians. *Did I do something wrong?* (New Horizon Press, 1995) by Heidi Spencer is written as a support for parents and loved ones of persons in therapy. Whether clinicians are seeing individuals, couples, or families, inevitably questions surface about blame and causality in trying to understand the why and how of problems. This guide can help alleviate unnecessary systemic reverberations that can result from participation in therapy.

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