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Rethinking fundamental assumptions in the light of his clinical experience, Richard Tuch offers readers a thoughtful and intelligent appraisal of some of the most urgent issues in contemporary psychoanalytic practice. His writing avoids authoritarian pronouncements and partisan advocacy and focuses instead upon the generative tensions and productive changes that can arise from exploring conflicts and divergent views that exist among the various theories that populate the current analytic landscape. The result is a thought-provoking encounter with many of the vital challenges and controversies that preoccupy our field.

Howard B. Levine, MD

Tuch, a distinguished psychoanalyst, talented writer and gifted teacher, approaches psychoanalysis in the way that a good psychoanalyst approaches a patient, respectful of pre-existing ideas but encouraging an open-minded acceptance to alternative perspectives. Tuch's view is that theories should operate at the back of the therapist's mind, never distracting from the immediate clinical experience, but helping to define what that experience is. He recognizes the importance of the analyst's personality and style as well as his theoretical orientation. For Tuch there are many possible perspectives on the analytic encounter, just as there are many possible perspectives on life experience. In this comprehensive book, he offers an analyst's understanding of analysis, paralleling the analyst's understanding of human experience.

Robert Michels, M.D.

In this landmark contribution, Richard Tuch surveys the broad landscape of psychoanalytic technique. He considers what the analyst does and why does it. He discusses all of the important controversies that have developed over the decades since Freud. His range is wide and his analysis is deep. It deserves a place in the library of every psychoanalyst.

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