

"Psychoanalytic therapies are often assumed to be governed by rigid rules (e.g., one explores the patient's childhood, one tries to be "neutral"). In reality, all analysts create unique integrations of theory, identifications, clinical experience, and their own authentic temperaments. For anyone who wants to know how psychoanalytic therapists really think and behave, this book is indispensable. As we witness seasoned therapists address challenges that have no clear resolution, their individuality comes through vividly, just as it does in actual practice. I recommend this engaging book to anyone who wants to understand what psychoanalysis looks like in real-world clinical situations."

**Nancy McWilliams**

"This is such a great idea, and the editors have brought together such an all-star cast and keen educational format that it hardly needs my words to support it. I can't think of another book that will so directly grab the curiosity of everyone in the profession. It's irresistible."

**Larry Friedman, M.D.**

"Beyond classroom training, supervision, and an analyst's conducted analyses, lies an innovative method of learning involving the presentation of a clinical dilemma in an informal setting to an audience of equals who exchange their reactions from the vantage point of different psychoanalytic schools and cultures. Such a forum, which breaches the confines of formal education and institutionally sanctioned learning, provides a stimulating way for analysts to become increasingly thoughtful about their work. In place of audience participation, this book replicates just such a learning exercise by substituting the voices of master clinicians."

**Stefano Bolognini**