Suicide—The Ultimate Rejection? A Psycho–Social Study

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Abstract
Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 1996, Vol 41(10), 1062. Written by a British psychiatric social worker, this book (see record 1995-98932-000) on suicide is refreshingly cross-national in its perspective. Research and statistics from European countries, and sometimes non-European countries, as well as the United States, are liberally cited. References are mostly current, and trends in suicide over time as well as across nations, ethnic groups, and gender are discussed in depth. The book provides a thorough review of psychological as well as sociological predisposing factors to suicide. Guidelines to assessment, prevention, and treatment are well presented. The reviewer suggests that this book is engagingly written. Although several negative aspects are noted, she indicates that Pritchard nicely balances presentation of research, case material, and personal reflection and opinion. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)

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differently understood in different ethnic groups, reflecting various degrees of stigma. Suicide - The Ultimate Rejection? is an interdisciplinary text based on Colin Pritchard's first-hand experience both as a practising psychiatric social worker and social researcher. It provides an analysis of current research on suicide, exploring possible 'causes' and how best to intervene, and makes the case for a science based practice 'art'. He argues for greater recognition of these key differences between cultures and ethnic groups, and shows how important they can be to our understanding and intervention. Suicide - The Ultimate Rejection? explores the concepts of prediction and prevention and asks how the current health and community services might work to reduce the number of suicides in line with the targets set by the government's Health of the Nation.