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"I have worked in psychiatry as well as in private practice with suicidal people. I found it poignant and true when Reeves points out that people do not have to be mad to be suicidal and '...that assessing suicide potential fundamentally lies in engaging with the suicidal client at a deeper relational level'. So true. This thoroughly researched book is written with passion and compassion. It will be a valuable addition to the libraries of therapists and anyone else who works with suicidal people." - Therapy Today, July 2010
"A uniquely accessible, comprehensive and practical guide. Essential reading for counsellors and psychotherapists and all helping professionals who work with clients at risk of suicide." - Mick Cooper, Professor of Counselling, University of Strathclyde
"A 'must read' for counsellors of all experience levels, offering sound practical strategies alongside thought-provoking case studies and discussion points. Reeves addresses this difficult topic with depth, breadth and integrity. Excellent." - Denise Meyer, developer and lead author of www.studentdepression.org
"Andrew Reeves brings together his experience as a social worker, counsellor and academic to explore the essential elements in working with suicidal clients. His openness and integrity in writing about this complex topic creates a valuable resource for reflective practice." - Barbara Mitchels, Solicitor and Director of Watershed Counselling Service, Devon.

Counselling Suicidal Clients addresses the important professional considerations when working with clients who are suicidal. The 'bigger picture', including legal and ethical considerations and organisational policy and procedures is explored, as is to how practitioners can work with the dynamics of suicide potential in the therapeutic process. The book is divided into six main parts: - The changing context of suicide - The prediction-prevention model, policy and ethics - The influence of the organisation - The client process - The practitioner process - The practice of counselling with suicidal clients. The book also includes chapters on the discourse of suicide, suicide and self-injury, and self-care for the counsellor. It is written for counsellors and psychotherapists, and for any professional who uses counselling skills when supporting suicidal people. Helping the Suicidal Person provides a highly practical toolbox for mental health professionals. The book first covers the need for professionals to examine their own personal experiences and fears around suicide, moves into essential areas of risk assessment, safety planning, and treatment planning, and then provides a rich assortment of tips for reducing the person's suicidal danger and rebuilding the wish to live. The techniques described in the book can be interspersed into any type of therapy, no matter what the professional's theoretical orientation is and no matter whether it's the client's first, tenth, or one-hundredth session. Clinicians don't need to read this book in any particular order, or even read all of it. Open the book to any page, and find a useful tip or technique that can be applied immediately. This study examined countertransference and other experiences of therapists serving suicidal patients. A survey was constructed to assess for aversion, narcissistic injury and similar iatrogenic constructs. Participants offered both Likert scale responses and spontaneous unstructured comments. Likert data were analyzed quantitatively. Content and phenomenological analyses were applied to the comments. The findings suggest that a substantial number of therapists treating

suicidal patients experience negative countertransferences. The implications for training, treatment and supervision are discussed. The wide-ranging contexts in which counselling and psychotherapy is now practiced means clients present with a range of risks that therapists have to respond to. Risk is an ever-present issue for counsellors and psychotherapists and, in an increasingly litigious culture, the need for trainees to develop a sound understanding of how the right tools and the right knowledge can support their practice has never been greater. In this book Andrew Reeves takes trainees, newly qualified practitioners, and more experienced practitioners step-by-step through what is meant by risk, offering practical hints and tips and links to policy and research to inform good ethical practice along the way. This book tackles:

- The definition of risk and how risk is linked to social, psychological and relational factors
- Working with those who are at risk of suicide, self-injury, self-harm and/or are an endangerment to others
- How therapists should respond to the risk in situations involving child protection, mental health crises, and in the therapeutic process itself
- The positive side of risk-taking
- How counsellors and psychotherapists can work with risk proactively and positively, informed by research.

Filled with case studies, ethical dilemmas, reflective questions, discussion questions and further reading, this book offers counsellors and psychotherapists guidance on how they can work with risk proactively and positively. It is an essential resource for all services, organisations and individual practitioners. If you or someone you love is dealing with a crisis right now, please call 1-800-273-8255 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. A compassionate guide to managing suicidal thoughts and finding hope If you're struggling with suicidal thoughts, please know that you are not alone and that you are worthy of help. Your life and well-being matter. When you're suffering, life's challenges can feel overwhelming and even insurmountable. This workbook is here to help you find relief and solutions when suicidal

thoughts take over. Grounded in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), this compassionate workbook offers practical tools to guide you toward a place of hope. It will help you identify your reasons for living, manage intense emotions and painful thoughts, and create a safe environment when you are in a crisis. You'll also find ways to strengthen social connections, foster self-compassion, and rediscover activities that bring joy and meaning to your life. This workbook is here to support you. However you are feeling at this moment, remember the following: You are worth it, you are loved, and you matter. This manual provides an empirically supported approach to treating suicidality that is specifically tailored to today's managed care environment. Structured yet flexible, the model is fully compatible with current best practice standards. The authors establish the empirical and theoretical foundations for time-limited treatment and describe the specific tasks involved in assessment and intervention. The book then details effective ways to conduct a rapid case conceptualization and outpatient risk assessment, determine and implement individualized treatment targets, and monitor treatment outcomes. Outlined are clear-cut intervention techniques that focus on symptom management, restructuring the patient's suicidal belief system, and building such key skills as interpersonal assertiveness, distress tolerance, and problem solving. Other topics covered include the role of the therapeutic relationship, applications to group work and longer-term therapy, the use of medications, patient selection, and termination of treatment. Illustrated with helpful clinical examples, the book features numerous tables, figures, and sample handouts and forms, some of which may be reproduced for professional use. "Cognitive Therapy for Suicidal Patients: Scientific and Clinical Applications" crystallizes more than 3 decades of basic, clinical, and therapeutic research, providing a comprehensive review of the psychological factors associated with suicidal behavior. The authors describe their cognitive model of suicide, the instruments they

developed to classify and assess suicidal behavior, and effective cognitive intervention techniques for suicidal individuals. The book includes a step-by-step protocol for cognitive therapy that is vividly illustrated in an extended case study. Individual chapters are dedicated to applying the protocol with special populations and overcoming challenges when working with suicidal patients."--pub. desc. Although substantial resources have been expended on suicide research and prevention, suicide science remains in its infancy. This book brings together an impressive cast to bridge the gap between cognitive research and cognitive-behavioral practice relating to suicide. Filling a tremendous need, this highly practical book adapts the proven techniques of dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) to treatment of multiproblem adolescents at highest risk for suicidal behavior and self-injury. The authors are master clinicians who take the reader step by step through understanding and assessing severe emotional dysregulation in teens and implementing individual, family, and group-based interventions. Insightful guidance on everything from orientation to termination is enlivened by case illustrations and sample dialogues. Appendices feature 30 mindfulness exercises as well as lecture notes and 12 reproducible handouts for "Walking the Middle Path," a DBT skills training module for adolescents and their families. Purchasers get access to a Web page where they can download and print these handouts and several other tools from the book in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. See also Rathus and Miller's DBT? Skills Manual for Adolescents, packed with tools for implementing DBT skills training with adolescents with a wide range of problems. Helping People Overcome Suicidal Thoughts, Urges and Behaviour draws together practical and effective approaches to help individuals at risk of suicide. The book provides a framework and outlines skills for anyone working with adults who present with suicidal thoughts or intent. Part 1 introduces a basic understanding of our knowledge about suicide and UK policy; Part 2

outlines the research into the treatment of suicidality and the general principles for working in the safest possible way. Part 3 outlines ten key psychological skills in the context of evidence-based best practice. The book also discusses the role of health and social care professionals in the prevention of suicide in the context of Covid-19. The book will be a valuable addition to the resources of professionals including psychotherapists, nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, prison and probation officers, drug and alcohol workers, general practitioners and support staff in any health or social care context. Respectful and effective solution-focused brief therapy (SFBT) for suicidal clients

Few tasks are more important—and daunting—than to help someone who is suicidal to go beyond the darkness of hopelessness to the light of hope. *Hope in Action: Solution-Focused Conversations About Suicide* is a unique resource providing fresh approaches to treating individuals and families where suicide is an issue. This comprehensive book provides a thorough grounding in using a solution-focused therapy approach to elicit and reinforce hope and reasons for living. Strategies are demonstrated with stories, case vignettes, and transcripts. Special applications include some of the most challenging high-risk clients that therapists treat, including people who make repeated attempts. This powerful resource offers a set of practice principles based on the existing empirical evidence in the context of clinical utility and client expertise. *Hope in Action: Solution-Focused Conversations About Suicide* provides case transcripts to help in role-play or rehearsal situations as well as numerous practical tips. The book also provides lists of solution-focused questions for use in various situations, including suicide crisis, the use of anti-depressant medications, facilitation of collaborative working relationships with colleagues as well as clients. Each application chapter gives therapists practical, hands-on tools and uses stories and illustrations to make the book user-friendly. The text also offers a brief appendix on the basic skills of SFBT. Topics discussed in *Hope in Action:*

Solution-Focused Conversations About Suicide include: current knowledge about preventing suicide at the individual level helping clients to utilize their strengths even when they are in crisis how research in diverse areas supports the solution-focused approach effective treatment for couples and families when one member is suicidal basic approaches to effective therapy with young children and teens who have attempted suicide respectful, effective therapy with people who seem to have adopted being suicidal as their primary coping strategy therapeutic tools that help the therapist to stay hopeful about clients and strengthen the therapeutic relationship Hope in Action: Solution-Focused Conversations About Suicide is a valuable resource for counselors and therapists at every experience level. Treatment of suicidal people takes three forms: prevention - strategies to avert conditions leading to suicide; intervention - treatment and care during the crisis; and postvention - response after the event has occurred. Unlike other current literature, here the focus is on the state of the art of intervention. This type of examination is essential, because suicidal people themselves are in need of such treatments - crisis intervention, psychotherapy, psychopharmacology and hospitalization. Written by professionals in the field, the Treatment of Suicidal People allows readers to participate in a learning experience. First is a case presentation of an individual - Arthur Inman - and his long road toward suicide, as chronicled in his personal diary. The second section puts forth guidelines for the evaluation of suicide risk and crisis intervention. A focus on more sustained efforts in psychotherapy is next, a theme which is continued in the fourth part by addressing psychiatric issues that are essential for treatment of highly disturbed and lethal patients. The following section examines a number of clinical and legal issues that transcend any one population of suicidal people, and any particular treatment approach or context. And lastly, the volume returns to Arthur Inman, with case consultations providing alternative perspectives and recommendations on his treatment.

Suicide and related forms of self-injurious behaviour can be circumvented, if the involved professionals are sufficiently trained in assessment and prevention. The book includes a chapter, written by the treatment developer(s), on each of the six treatments that have been shown in randomized controlled trials to reduce suicidal and/or self-harm behavior in adolescents with prior histories of these behaviors. This inspiring resource presents theories, findings, and interventions from Positive Suicidology, an emerging strengths-based approach to suicide prevention. Its synthesis of positive psychology and suicidology theories offers a science-based framework for promoting wellbeing to complement or, if appropriate, replace traditional deficit-driven theories and therapies used in reducing suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Coverage reviews interpersonal, intrapersonal, and societal risk factors for suicide, and identifies protective factors, such as hope and resilience, that can be enhanced in therapy. From there, chapters detail a palette of approaches and applications of Positive Suicidology, from the powerful motivating forces described in Self-Determination Theory to meaning-building physical and social activities. Among the topics covered: Future-oriented constructs and their role in suicidal ideation and enactment. Gratitude as a protective factor for suicidal ideation and behavior: theory and evidence. Considering race and ethnicity in the use of positive psychological approaches to suicide. The Six R's framework as mindfulness for suicide prevention. Community-based participatory research and empowerment for suicide prevention. Applied resiliency and suicide prevention: a strengths-based, risk-reduction framework. Psychotherapists, counselors, social workers, psychiatrists, and health psychologists, as well as educators, clergy and healthcare professionals, will find *A Positive Psychological Approach to Suicide* an invaluable source of contemporary evidence-based strategies for their prevention and intervention efforts with suicidal clients. A relational approach to evaluating your suicidal clients.

Given the isolating nature of suicidal ideation and actions, it's all too easy for clinicians conducting a suicide assessment to find themselves developing tunnel vision, becoming overly focused on the client's individual risk factors. Although critically important to explore, these risks and the danger they pose can't be fully appreciated without considering them in relation to the person's resources for safely negotiating a pathway through his or her desperation. And, in turn, these intrapersonal risks and resources must be understood in context—in relation to the interpersonal risks and resources contributed by the client's significant others. In this book, Drs. Douglas Flemons and Leonard M. Gralnik, a family therapist and a psychiatrist, team up to provide a comprehensive relational approach to suicide assessment. The authors offer a Risk and Resource Interview Guide as a means of organizing assessment conversations with suicidal clients. Drawing on an extensive research literature, as well as their combined 50+ years of clinical experience, the authors distill relevant topics of inquiry arrayed within four domains of suicidal experience: disruptions and demands, suffering, troubling behaviors, and desperation. Knowing what questions to ask a suicidal client is essential, but it is just as important to know how to ask questions and how to join through empathic statements. Beyond this, clinicians need to know how to make safety decisions, how to construct safety plans, and what to include in case note documentation. In the final chapter, an annotated transcript serves to tie together the ideas and methods offered throughout the book. *Relational Suicide Assessment* provides the theoretical grounding, empirical data, and practical tools necessary for clinicians to feel prepared and confident when engaging in this most anxiety-provoking of clinical responsibilities. Since the first edition of *Clinical Manual for Assessment and Treatment of Suicidal Patients* was published in 2005, advances have been made that increase our understanding of suicidal and self-destructive behavior. Although clinicians cannot unerringly predict which

patients will die by suicide, they can focus more successfully on early identification of suicidal behavior and effective intervention, and this new edition of the clinical manual thoroughly explores not only assessment of suicidality but what comes after an at-risk patient has been identified. The authors argue that treating specific psychiatric disorders is not enough to prevent suicide, and they offer clinicians the necessary information and strategies to bridge that gap. The authors' main premise is that suicide is a dangerous and short-term problem-solving behavior designed to regulate or eliminate intense emotional pain -- a quick fix where a long-term effective solution is needed -- and this understanding is the underpinning of the assessment and treatment strategies the authors recommend. The content of this new edition has been thoroughly reviewed and revised, and substantive changes have been made to specific chapters to ensure that the book represents the most current thinking and research, while retaining the strengths of the previous edition. The chapter on assessment has been revised to put the fundamental components of effective treatment in a clinical, case-oriented context and includes an easy-to-use assessment protocol that allows clinicians to determine where individual patients stand on seven dimensions (cognitive rigidity, problem-solving deficits, heightened mental pain, emotionally avoidant coping style, interpersonal deficits, self-control deficits, and environmental stress and social support deficits). The many issues involved in the use of psychotropic medications in suicidal patients are addressed in a new chapter, which includes information on the relevant classes of drugs (such as antidepressants and anti-anxiety agents) and the issues that may arise with their use, including side effects, degree of lethality, and tendency to aggravate suicidality on introduction and withdrawal of the medication. The chapter on special populations has been expanded to include adolescents, elders, and patients with co-occurring substance abuse or psychosis. Because of additional vulnerabilities, treating these groups may call

for the use of added or special techniques to ensure the best therapeutic outcomes. Primary care physicians are the first point of contact for many patients, and they may require additional preparation in order to assess and respond to those experiencing suicidal thoughts. The chapter "Suicidal Patients in Primary Care" explores strategies for screening, recognizing, and assessing risk; treating the initial crisis; and developing a crisis management plan. "Tips for Success" appear at intervals, and "The Essentials" are included at the end of each chapter, highlighting the most important concepts. In addition, there are scores of helpful charts and exercises. Practical, accessible, and reader-friendly, the Clinical Manual for Assessment and Treatment of Suicidal Patients is not an academic book but rather is one designed to become an indispensable part of clinicians' working libraries. An innovative and highly effective brief therapy for suicidal patients – a complete treatment Manual Attempted suicide is the main risk factor for suicide. The Attempted Suicide Short Intervention Program (ASSIP) described in this manual is an innovative brief therapy that has proven in published clinical trials to be highly effective in reducing the risk of further attempts. ASSIP is the result of the authors' extensive practical experience in the treatment of suicidal individuals. The emphasis is on the therapeutic alliance with the suicidal patient, based on an initial patient-oriented narrative interview. The four therapy sessions are followed by continuing contact with patients by means of regular letters. This clearly structured manual starts with an overview of suicide and suicide prevention, followed by a practical, step-by-step description of this highly structured treatment. It includes numerous checklists, handouts, and standardized letters for use by health professionals in various clinical settings. Grounded in extensive research and clinical experience, this book describes how to adapt mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT) for participants who struggle with recurrent suicidal thoughts and impulses. Clinicians and mindfulness

teachers are presented with a comprehensive framework for understanding suicidality and its underlying vulnerabilities. The preliminary intake interview and each of the eight group mindfulness sessions of MBCT are discussed in detail, highlighting issues that need to be taken into account with highly vulnerable people. Assessment guidelines are provided and strategies for safely teaching core mindfulness practices are illustrated with extensive case examples. The book also discusses how to develop the required mindfulness teacher skills and competencies. Purchasers get access to a companion website featuring downloadable audio recordings of the guided mindfulness practices, narrated by Zindel Segal, Mark Williams, and John Teasdale. (Published in hardcover as *Mindfulness and the Transformation of Despair: Working with People at Risk of Suicide*.) See also *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Depression, Second Edition*, by Zindel Segal, Mark Williams, and John Teasdale, the authoritative presentation of MBCT. *Working with Suicidal Individuals* provides a comprehensive guide to understanding suicide, the assessment of risk, and the treatment and management of suicidal individuals. It covers the theory behind suicidal behaviour, using Transactional Analysis to explore the personality types of suicidal individuals and to understand their motivations. Current and comprehensive information concerning the assessment and treatment of suicidal persons and the prevention of suicidal behavior. The eighth leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause among U.S. teens, suicide is unique in being self-inflicted and is, as such, often preventable. By assessing the risk of suicide accurately, providing effective treatment according to this risk, and implementing strategies against suicidal urges, mental health professionals can successfully guide their clients away from this senseless taking of life. *Assessment, Treatment, and Prevention of Suicidal Behavior* provides the most current and comprehensive source of information, guidelines, and case studies for working with clients at risk of suicide. It offers

clinicians, counselors, and other mental health professionals a practical toolbox on three main areas of interest: Screening and Assessment covers empirically based assessment techniques and how they can define dimensions of vulnerability and measure the risk of self-destructive behavior. Authors discuss research on the use of each screening instrument, guidelines and suggestions for using the instrument in practice, and a case study illustrating its application. Intervention and Treatment compares several different approaches for structuring psychotherapy with suicidal clients. Each author covers a psychotherapy system, its application to suicidal clients, and a case study of its real-world use. Suicide and Violence explores the relationship between suicidal individuals and violence, covering suicide in specific contexts such as school violence, police confrontations, and terrorist violence. This section also includes a discussion of the increased risk of suicide in our more insecure and violent world, as well as how to promote coping styles for these new anxieties. While addressed mainly to psychologists, social workers, and other mental health professionals for use in serving their clients, as well as students of psychology, *Assessment, Treatment, and Prevention of Suicidal Behavior* is also an accessible and valuable resource for educators, school counselors, and others in related fields. An innovative treatment approach with a strong empirical evidence base, brief cognitive-behavioral therapy for suicide prevention (BCBT) is presented in step-by-step detail in this authoritative manual. Leading treatment developers show how to establish a strong collaborative relationship with a suicidal patient, assess risk, and immediately work to establish safety. Proven interventions are described for building emotion regulation and crisis management skills and dismantling the patient's suicidal belief system. The book includes case examples, sample dialogues, and 17 reproducible handouts, forms, scripts, and other clinical tools. The large-size format facilitates photocopying; purchasers also get access to a Web page where they can download

and print the reproducible materials. The quality of the therapeutic alliance is a well-established factor for successful therapy. With suicidal patients, a strong therapeutic alliance can quite literally save a person's life. In this book, an elite group of clinicians and researchers explore what has become known as the Aeschi approach to clinical suicide prevention. According to this view, mental health professionals must recognize a fundamental conflict at the heart of good clinical practice: While they are experts in the assessment and treatment of mental health disorders, when it comes to the patient's suicidal story, the patient is the expert. Successful interventions with suicidal patients must therefore be empathic and honor the very personal perspective of the patient. This exceptional volume addresses a wide range of issues, from the principles and methods of establishing a working alliance to patient-oriented therapies for suicidality. Moreover, the text discusses practical clinical matters related to specific treatments across theoretical orientations and modalities. Above all, this book provides essential guidance for any clinician seeking a sensible and compelling approach to working effectively with suicidal patients. Konrad Michel, MD, MRCPsych, is a senior psychiatrist and psychotherapist at the outpatient department of the University Psychiatric Hospital in Bern, Switzerland, and is also in private clinical practice. Dr. Michel has been a collaborator on the World Health Organization European Multicenter Study on Suicidal Behavior. He has conducted several clinical research projects focusing on the role of general practitioners in suicide prevention and on various aspects of the patient-clinician clinical relationship. Together with Ladislav Valach, PhD, Dr. Michel has developed a model of understanding suicidal behavior based on the theory of goal-directed action and narrative interviewing. He is also the initiator of the Aeschi Working Group, a group of clinicians and researchers who are dedicated to improving clinical suicide prevention by developing and promoting patient-oriented models of understanding suicidal behavior. David A.

Jobes, PhD, ABPP, is a professor of psychology and associate director of clinical training at The Catholic University of America. His research and writing have led to numerous publications in suicidology, with a particular focus on clinical suicidology. Dr. Jobes is a past president of the American Association of Suicidology and is the recipient of that organization's 1995 Edwin Shneidman Award in recognition of early career contribution to suicide research. He has served as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Jobes is a board-certified clinical psychologist (American Board of Professional Psychology) who maintains a private clinical and forensic practice at the Washington Psychological Center, Washington, DC. Grounded in decades of research and the clinical care of thousands of depressed and suicidal teens, this highly accessible book will enhance the skills of any therapist who works with this challenging population. The authors describe the nuts and bolts of assessing clients and crafting individualized treatment plans that combine cognitive and behavioral techniques, emotion regulation interventions, family involvement, and antidepressant medication. Illustrated with many clinical examples, each chapter includes a concise overview and key points. Reproducible treatment planning forms and client handouts can also be downloaded and printed by purchasers in a convenient full-page size. Every year, about 30,000 people die by suicide in the U.S., and some 650,000 receive emergency treatment after a suicide attempt. Often, those most at risk are the least able to access professional help. *Reducing Suicide* provides a blueprint for addressing this tragic and costly problem: how we can build an appropriate infrastructure, conduct needed research, and improve our ability to recognize suicide risk and effectively intervene. Rich in data, the book also strikes an intensely personal chord, featuring compelling quotes about

people's experience with suicide. The book explores the factors that raise a person's risk of suicide: psychological and biological factors including substance abuse, the link between childhood trauma and later suicide, and the impact of family life, economic status, religion, and other social and cultural conditions. The authors review the effectiveness of existing interventions, including mental health practitioners' ability to assess suicide risk among patients. They present lessons learned from the Air Force suicide prevention program and other prevention initiatives. And they identify barriers to effective research and treatment. This new volume will be of special interest to policy makers, administrators, researchers, practitioners, and journalists working in the field of mental health. An innovative treatment approach with a strong empirical evidence base, brief cognitive-behavioral therapy for suicide prevention (BCBT) is presented in step-by-step detail in this authoritative manual. Leading treatment developers show how to establish a strong collaborative relationship with a suicidal patient, assess risk, and immediately work to establish safety. Proven interventions are described for building emotion regulation and crisis management skills and dismantling the patient's suicidal belief system. The book includes case examples, sample dialogues, and 17 reproducible handouts, forms, scripts, and other clinical tools. The large-size format facilitates photocopying; purchasers also get access to a Web page where they can download and print the reproducible materials. For help in dealing with a suicidal crisis right now, please call 1-800-273-8255 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. You can also text HOME to 741741 to reach a crisis counselor at the Crisis Text Line. If you love someone who has suicidal thoughts, you may struggle with profound fear of saying or doing the wrong thing. You desperately want to help, but you're unsure of where to start. This book can guide you as you support your loved one—without sacrificing your own needs and well-being. You'll find the answers to some of your

most urgent questions, including: What are signs and clues of suicide risk? How do I talk with my loved one about their suicidal thoughts? When should I call the police? What do I say and do after a suicide attempt? What treatments for suicidality are available? How can I help the person I care about stay safe? What can I do to help them feel better, too? What can I do to cope better? What does recovery look like after a suicidal crisis? Written by a psychotherapist with decades of clinical experience in suicidology, this compassionate guide offers essential communication techniques you can use to help your loved one, as well as strategies for navigating your own stress, worry, fear, and anxiety. Drawn from cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), and mindful self-compassion, the tools in this book will help you recognize warning signs, improve communication, create a safety plan, know when to seek professional help, and support a loved one in crisis. Suicidality does not fit into the traditional medical illness model. Working with suicidal clients requires unique therapeutic approaches and is frequently referred to as one of the most demanding aspects of therapeutic work. Providing effective treatment and care for help-seeking suicidal individuals is of crucial importance. However, it cannot be automatically assumed that all mental health professionals feel competent to work with clients who are suicidal. Intriguingly, specific training in suicidality is frequently overlooked by psychological and medical study programs, even though such training has the potential to improve suicide intervention skills. Mental health professionals encounter different difficulties and challenges when faced with clients that experience suicidal ideation and/or have engaged in suicidal behaviour before or during treatment. We believe that it is essential to study professionals' experiences both from the point of view of providing high-quality care for the clients, as well as from the point of view of professionals' own well-being and mental health. With the aim to gain an overview and at the same time and in-

depth understanding of their experiences, we conducted a study with a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. Participants of the quantitative part of the study were 106 professionals (19 men and 87 women) with an educational background in psychology, medicine or other fields, who are working in the field of mental health. They reported having at least one experience of treatment of a suicidal client. The collection of data with the questionnaires took place between October 2017 and January 2019. The questionnaires inquired about participants' socio-demographic and professional characteristics, difficulties experienced in working with suicidal clients, attitudes toward suicide prevention, and coping strategies (constructive and avoidant) used under challenging situations in therapeutic or counselling work. The analysis of quantitative data was carried out with the SPSS program. Eleven psychotherapists (four men and seven women) participated in the qualitative part of the study. Semi-structured individual interviews that lasted approximately one hour were conducted between January and November 2018. The interviews focused primarily on topics of therapeutic alliance, therapists' experiences of suicidality peak in the clients, therapists' suicidality-related attitudes, knowledge and understanding, therapists' emotions, difficulties experienced in practice with suicidal clients and resources, and crisis management. The qualitative data was analysed by the principles of grounded theory with the use of ATLAS.ti program. On average, participants are relatively confident in their competence for working with suicidal clients. On the other hand, they also experience a certain level of difficulties with regards to working with suicidal clients. Importantly, participants that received a suicidality-related training feel more competent than those who did not receive such training. Higher self-assessed competence is, in turn, related to a lower frequency of experiencing different types of difficulties in practice with suicidal clients. While other factors, related to experiencing difficulties (e.g. attitudes), were also identified,

confidence in own competence seems to be a strong predictor of most types of difficulties. Analysis of qualitative data resulted in identification of nine themes and 32 subthemes. The themes are grounded on 919 quotations, coded with 261 codes and 18 smart codes. On the basis of the findings, we developed a model of dynamic balance in therapists' experiences and views on working with suicidal clients. The model includes six core themes, each of them representing an aspect of therapists' experience and views where a dynamic balance is needed between two different poles. The core themes are: (i) understanding of suicidality: the general vs. specific; (ii) the role of alliance: protective factor vs. no guarantees; (iii) attitudes: acceptant vs. life oriented; (iv) emotional response: worry vs. trust; (v) responsibility: therapist's professionalism vs. client's autonomy; and (vi) focus: suicidality vs. individual as a person. The model also takes into account other variables that may be relevant to the process and outcomes of the therapy: contextual factors (variables related to system regulations and therapeutic setting) and variables, related to the therapist in a general sense and the client (including the client's family). Finally, the model considers the outcomes of the process for the therapist and the client. The findings have the potential to be useful for mental health professionals and psychotherapists in understanding different aspects of their experience and difficulties that they may encounter when working with suicidal clients. We believe that adequate suicidality-related training should be provided to professionals who are working with suicidal clients. Further on, the findings (especially the model) may also aid the therapists in identifying aspects of their experience that should be considered and worked on, e.g. in different forms of professional support. This practical and informative text lays out the product of a number of years of clinical research into suicide behaviour and its prevention. While the focus is on non-affective psychosis and the schizophrenia-spectrum disorders, the mechanisms underlying suicide behaviour in this group

may well underlie or at least influence suicide behaviour in other disorders. The authors describe methods of assessment through individual formulation, and a cognitive behavioural intervention through case studies, to reduce the risk of suicide. This book argues that:

- Suicide behaviour lies on a cognitive-behavioural continuum from ideation, through intention to action.
- Mechanisms based on biased information processing systems, the development of suicide schema, and appraisal styles are likely to be fruitful in explaining suicidal thoughts and behaviours.
- A psychological theory of suicide behaviour is needed in order to develop a mechanism of suicide and to understand the components of suicidal thoughts and behaviours.
- Suicide risk can be reduced through the use of the intervention methods described within the text

Cognitive Behavioural Prevention of Suicide in Psychosis evaluates practical applications of contemporary research on this topic, and will therefore be of interest to practitioners, post-graduates in training, and researchers studying suicide and/or psychosis. *Half in Love With Death* presents a new way for therapists to manage chronically suicidal patients, an incredibly challenging task for clinicians and one where an insufficient amount of literature exists to guide professionals. Author Joel Paris suggests an approach that defies conventional wisdoms about whether suicide can be predicted or prevented. He asserts that managing chronically suicidal patients begins with tolerating suicidality, understanding the inner world of patients, avoiding repeated hospitalizations, and focusing on life situations that maintain suicidal ideas and behaviors. Each chapter in the book develops a theoretical perspective based on empirical data, and many are illustrated by clinical examples. Topics addressed throughout the text include:

- *distinctions among various types of suicidality;
- *the inner world of the chronically suicidal patient, with a particular focus on pain, emptiness, and hopelessness;
- *the relationship between chronic suicidality and personality disorders, especially the category of borderline personality;
- *the

effectiveness of psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy for chronically suicidal patients; and *the risks of litigation in managing this patient population. This volume is a crucially important resource for clinicians who treat chronically suicidal patients, as it fills a gap in existing literature and provides enlightened guidelines that stem from a large body of research in the field. The death of a patient is every therapist's worst nightmare. Even more frightening is the debilitating silence that surrounds a therapist after the death of a client. What do you do? How do you proceed with your personal and professional life? Until now, advice on surviving a patient's suicide has been scarce. This book examines this much-overlooked topic to help you continue to live and practice confidently. The authors of this courageous book mix first-person narratives with professional strategies to help therapists deal with the emotional and legal consequences that follow the loss of a client.

Therapeutic and Legal Issues for Therapists Who Have Survived a Client Suicide provides you with: models of coping strategies for clinicians after a client completes a suicide an examination of factors that compound the trauma for the therapist survivor examples for dealing with a client's family suggestions for developing curricula for training institutions recommendations for supervisory guidelines explanations of—and means of mitigating—legal liability This practical book describes various ways of dealing with clinician and supervisory responsibilities after a client's self-inflicted death. It will show you how to minimize the legal risks of working with suicidal clients and help you regain your sense of professional competence if a suicide occurs. New methods of screening and treatment assistance are offered. With about 30,000 suicides occurring the the United States annually, and many of those people in treatment at or near the time they commit suicide, thousands of clinicians face this trauma yearly. The clear, specific, therapeutic and legal guidelines you'll find in the book, as well as the philosophical discussions, make it a vital read for therapists, counselors,

social workers, nurses, supervisors, and educators in mental health training institutions. “Sue Blauner’s you-are-there account . . . offers insight and understanding to anyone who has been touched by suicide.”—Joan Anderson, author of *A Year by the Sea* An epidemic of international proportions, suicide has touched the lives of nearly half of all Americans, yet is rarely talked about openly. In this timely and important book, Susan Blauner breaks the silence to offer guidance and hope for those contemplating ending their lives—and for the loved ones who want to help them. A survivor of multiple suicide attempts, Blauner eloquently describes the feelings and fantasies surrounding suicide. In a direct, nonjudgmental, and loving voice, she offers affirmations and suggestions for those experiencing life-ending thoughts, and for their friends and family. Here is an essential resource destined to be the classic guide on the subject. New edition of an acclaimed manual which uses the solution focused approach to take an empathetic and validating approach to working with individuals considering suicide. Offers invaluable guidance for suicide prevention by showing “what works” in treating those struggling with suicidal thoughts Provides straightforward ways to deal frankly with the subject of suicide, along with a range of tools and techniques that are helpful to clients Includes actual dialogue between practitioners and clients to allow readers to gain a better understanding of how to work with suicidal clients Compares and contrasts a groundbreaking approach to suicide prevention with more traditional approaches to risk assessment and management Features numerous updates and revisions along with brand new sections dealing with the international landscape, blaming the suicided person, Dr Alys Cole-King’s ‘Connecting with People’, and telephone work with the suicidal, Human Givens Therapy, and zero suicide This book describes a blend of insight-oriented, behavioral, and strategic family therapy, which the author has developed over thirty-four years of dealing with suicidal adolescents. It aims not to replace other

forms of therapy but to augment the therapist's own therapeutic style. The book offers an informative and personally told story bringing together scholarship and meaningful glimpses into the thought processes of suicidal youth. Written in an understandable, friendly, and practical style, it will appeal to those in clinical practice, as well as graduate-level students pursuing clinical work. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Preventing Suicide Attempts consolidates the accumulated knowledge and efforts of leading suicide researchers, and describes how a common, cognitive behavioral model of suicide has resulted in 50% or greater reductions in suicide attempts across clinical settings. Simple and straightforward descriptions of these techniques are provided, along with clear explanations of the interventions' rationale and scientific support. Critically, specific adaptations of these interventions designed to meet the demands and needs of diverse settings and populations are explained. The result is a practical, clinician-friendly, how-to guide that demonstrates how to effectively reduce the risk for suicide attempts in any setting. Challenging the underlying assumption that suicidal behavior can be predicted and controlled, the authors conceptualize suicidality as problem-solving behavior to which an individual resorts when other options seem to have failed. Suicide is an event that cannot be ignored, minimized, or left untreated. However, all too often mental health professionals and health care practitioners are unprepared to treat suicidal clients. This text offers the latest guidance to frontline professionals who will likely encounter such clients throughout their careers, and to educators teaching future clinicians. The book discusses how to react when clients reveal suicidal thoughts; the components of comprehensive suicide assessments; evidence-based treatments such as crisis intervention, cognitive behavior therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, and more; and ethical and legal issues that may arise. Case studies, exercises, quizzes, and other features make this a must-have reference for graduate level

courses. Key topics: Risk and identification of suicidal behaviors across the lifespan (children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly) The links between suicidality and mental illness (psychotic disorders, mood disorders, and substance abuse) Suicide risk among special populations (military personnel, LGBTQ individuals, the homeless, and more) A model for crisis intervention with suicidal individuals

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