

Streams of Consciousness

Notebooks 1991-2024

by Christopher Bollas

DESCRIPTION:

In Christopher Bollas' Streams of Consciousness, a wide spectrum of theory and practice are explored, sometimes appearing in simple fragments, sometimes via complex lines of thinking that are developed in detail over time. As Bollas revisits the received truths and dogmas of his profession - including his own prejudices - he demonstrates the value of open, intelligent uncertainty. Interspersed with clinical preoccupations, which highlight the richness as well as the bewildering complexity of psychoanalysis, we find other ideas that reflect his early life as political activist, literature professor, and cultural critic. Throughout, the notebooks are enriched by references to the work of numerous writers in many fields who have influenced his thinking.

This work is essential reading for all with an interest in psychoanalysis which will enrich both academic study and clinical practice.

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