



## Post-Autism: A Psychoanalytical Narrative, with Supervisions by Donald Meltzer (Paperback)

By Marisa Pelella Melega

Taylor Francis Ltd, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Post-Autism recounts in close and vivid detail the story of the author's struggle to analyse and communicate with a pubertal boy who presented with a diagnosis of untreated infantile autism. Marisa Melega, who was at that time a young and relatively inexperienced analyst, worked with Mario in São Paulo, Brazil, from 1978 to 1982 and during most of that period the case was supervised by Donald Meltzer, who had recently published his pioneering work Explorations in Autism, based on ten years of collaborative endeavour with a group of therapists. At that period the condition of autism was relatively little understood, and psychological therapies undeveloped. This book is therefore of particular interest from several viewpoints: as a detailed record of autistic features and their manifestations in a teenage child; as an example of the potentialities of distance supervision (for communication was mainly by post, though there were some meetings); historically, as a basis for comparison with our current understanding of the condition and the efficacy of psychoanalytic treatment; and perhaps above all, as an intimate record of the making of a psychoanalyst, by means of a...

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