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Cultural-Existential Psychology

The Role of Culture in Suffering and Threat

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About the Book

Cultural psychology and experimental existential psychology are two of the fastest-growing movements in social psychology. In this book Daniel Sullivan combines both perspectives to present a ground-breaking analysis of culture's role in shaping the psychology of threat experience. The first part of the book presents a new theoretical framework guided by three central principles: that humans are in a unique existential situation because we possess symbolic consciousness and culture; that culture provides psychological protection against threatening experiences, but also helps to create them; and that interdisciplinary methods are vital to understanding the link between culture and threat. In the second part of the book, Sullivan presents a novel program of research guided by these principles. Focusing on a case study of a traditionalist group of Mennonites in the Midwestern United States, Sullivan examines the relationship between religion, community, guilt, anxiety, and the experience of natural disaster.

Key Features

- Offers a new theoretical perspective on the role of culture in people's experience of suffering and threat
- Synthesizes research on the relationship between culture and threat across psychology, philosophy, anthropology, and sociology
- Presents a unique case study documenting how culture shapes the experience of threat among rural Mennonites in the United States

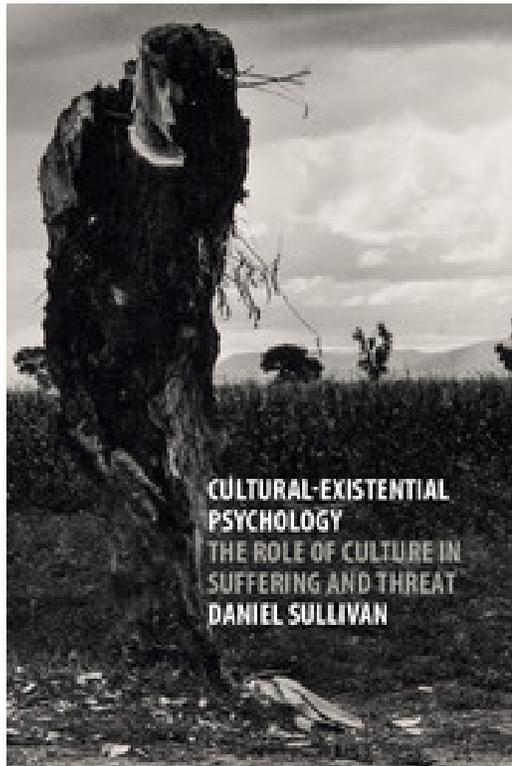
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With this book, we welcome in an exciting new field of cultural-existential psychology that is not only deeply theoretical but supported by innovative research by the author. It should be of broad interest across disciplines and is a must-read for any scholar or practitioner interested in the study of culture.

-Michele Gelfand, University of Maryland

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