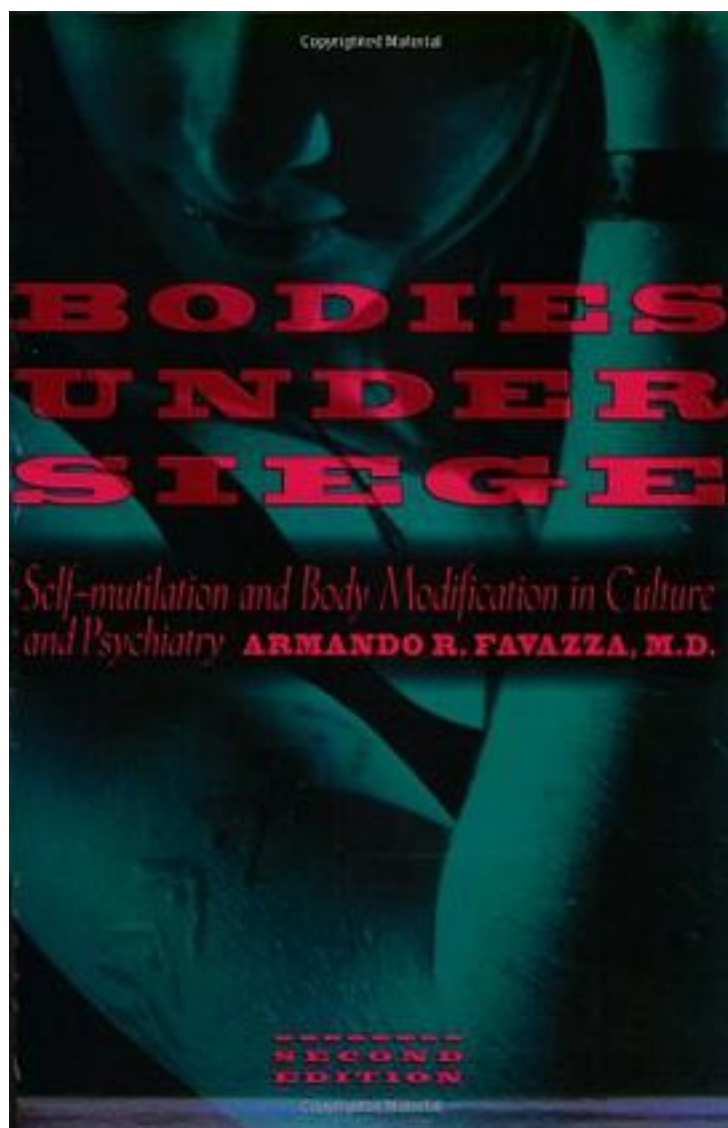


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This work analyzes the complex issues surrounding self-mutilation, drawing on case studies from clinical psychiatry and cultural anthropology to show that the phenomenon is deeply embedded culturally, and far more common than is often thought. Although body modification and blood rituals are shown to be common in many religions, rites-of-passage ceremonies, and therapeutic procedures, deviant self-mutilation, the author argues, is a distinct syndrome of impulse dyscontrol beginning in adolescence and often associated with eating disorders. According to the author, up to half of all female chronic self-mutilators have a history of anorexia or bulimia. This edition contains new information on the diagnosis and treatment of self-mutilation; the link between self-mutilation and eating disorders; and new research on the neurotransmitter serotonin, and associated advances in drug therapy.

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overrated。不够全面，也不够深入，不过随便哪个方面单独拿出来都可以是个有趣的博士论文题目。虽然作者的价值立场非常狭隘（来自以基督教文明为主导的西方文化的特有的狭隘，真正的学者所不应具有的狭隘），但他耗费大量的时间和精力写作并出版了这么一本书的行为，是值得肯定的。

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