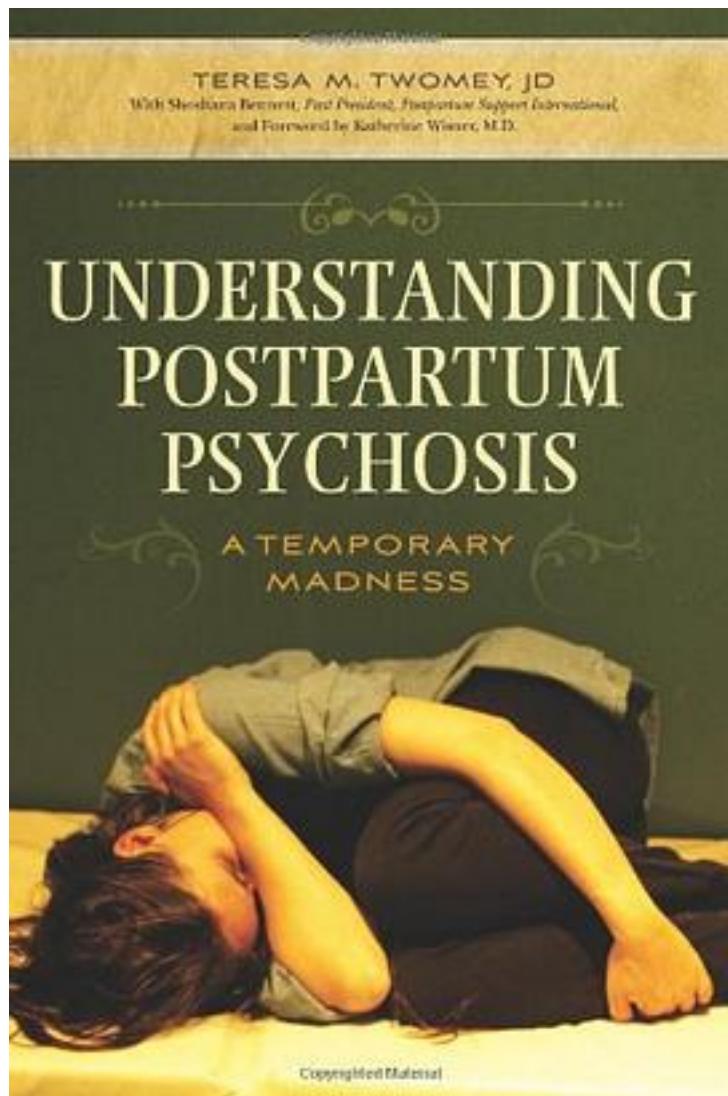


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Threaded with in-depth stories from women who experienced postpartum psychosis - including one who committed infanticide - this unique and absorbing work offers psychological, medical, legal, and historical perspectives on this potentially deadly mental illness. Offering an understanding of postpartum psychosis, this riveting book explains what happens and why during this temporary and dangerous mental illness that develops for some women after childbirth. Most of us are familiar with the 'baby blues', a passing sadness that strikes 50 to 75 percent of new mothers after delivery. And most of us understand postpartum depression, a post-delivery sadness that lingers for weeks or months in an estimated one in every 10 new mothers. But a more serious form of disorder that strikes up to one in every 500 new mothers is postpartum psychosis - which can trigger severe agitation, confusion, insomnia, hallucinations, delusions, mania, and possible thoughts of suicide or murder. Every year, women in the United States and around the world kill their babies, children, or themselves as a result of this mental illness. Twomey, an official with Postpartum Support International, gives us deep insight into the psychological, personal, medical, legal, and historical perspectives on this little-understood mental illness, which is both preventable and treatable.

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