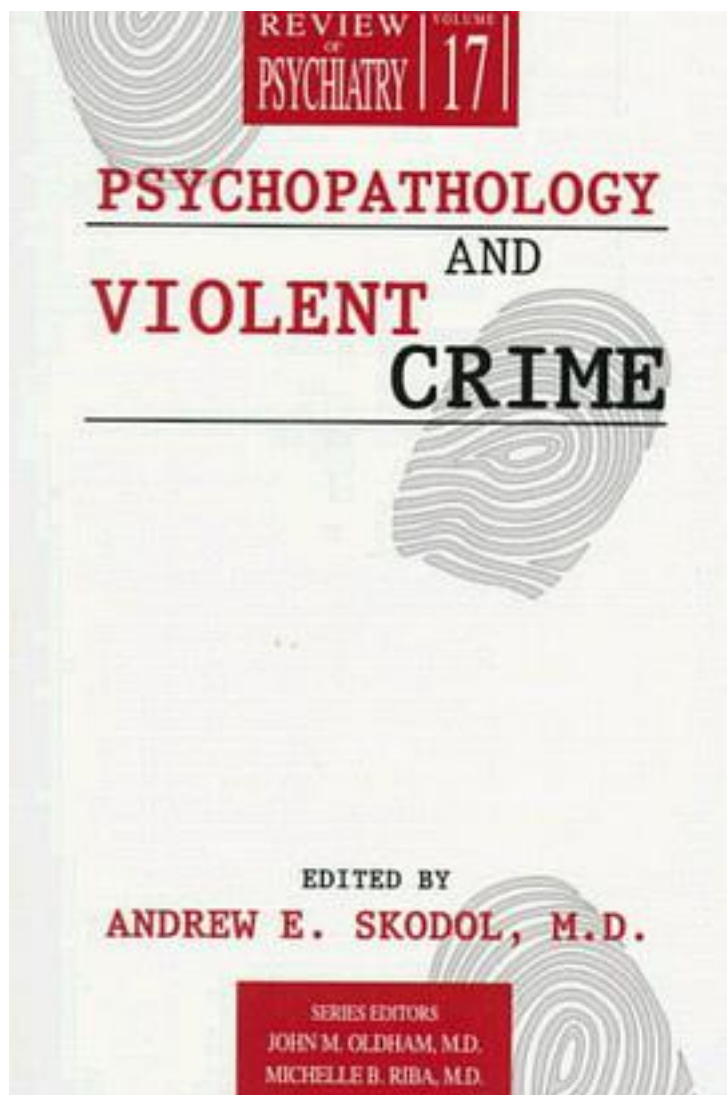


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The psychiatric community has debated for years the significance of the relationship between mental disorder and serious violence. *Psychopathology and Violent Crime* goes to the heart of this controversial and complex subject. Dr. Skodol presents the results of extensive epidemiologic samples and studies of criminal populations on the correlation between crime and mental disorder. Specifically, this reference covers:

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