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Crime And The Mind

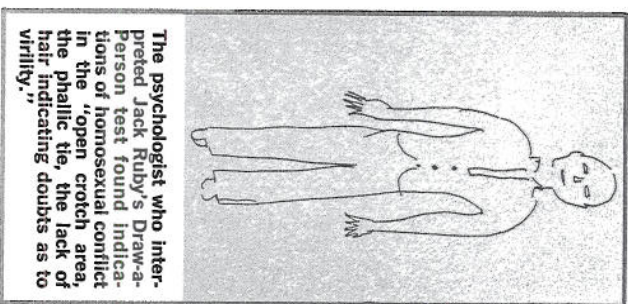
by Walter Bromberg, M.D.

An expanded and completely revised edition
of this renowned study of the criminal brain and behavior, by one of America's
most influential psychiatrists and criminologists.

CRIME. Perhaps never before has that single word had such personal impact upon each of us. The urban American is afraid to stroll through his city's parks at night. The suburban American fears the teenage gang of looters—a gang which may include his own son. The white collar worker keeps mum about office crimes he has witnessed—or participated in. And, of course, there are the headline words, all crime-connected. Narcotics. Slums. Sex-deviates. Rape. Race riots. Prostitution. Payoffs.

Dr. Walter Bromberg has spent over three decades of research in the subject of criminology; he has worked in various sections of this country, with a wide variety of criminals. (His most celebrated case: Jack Ruby. Dr. Bromberg was one of the three psychiatrists called in as defense witnesses, and *Crime and the Mind* contains a full-scale psychiatric portrait of the man who shot Lee Harvey Oswald.)

This comprehensive volume is not a mere updated version of the now-classic book brought out in 1948. It has not only been revised and expanded, but completely reoriented—based on the new crimes and new concepts of criminology which have developed during the past 18 years. The book deals principally with the American scene and the peculiarities of American crime. It does more than reveal. It offers a genuine hope of crime prevention in a series of important proposals for treatment of potential criminals, and the rehabilitation of those whom society—or their own psyche—have branded criminal.



The psychologist who interpreted Jack Ruby's Draw-a-Person test found indications of homosexual conflict in the "open crotch area, the phallic tie, the lack of hair indicating doubts as to virility."

The book begins with a section on the history of crime and punishment; chapters replete with startling facts. (In ancient Rome, for example, slander set to music was dealt with sharply. "If any person has sung or composed against another person a song to cause slander or insult, he shall be clubbed to death.") The next ten chapters are devoted to detailed analyses of the various categories of modern crime. And each category is brought vitally to life by the inclusion of full and dramatic case histories. Among the many areas the author investigates in depth are:

- Crimes of Aggression: Murder/Suicide/The Wanton Killer/Alcohol and Aggression/The Sexual Element in Murder.
 - Passive-Aggressive Crimes: Arson/Larceny/Gambling/Bigamy—the Larceny of Love.
 - Juvenile Delinquency: The Anti-Social Girl (such as 14-year-old Darlene, called Sweater Sophie by her gang, who rebelled against her mother—"that old grapefruit"—by becoming scandalously promiscuous)... Good Neighborhood Delinquency/Sadism in the Young/Sexual Aggression and the Juvenile.
 - Homosexuality and Sexual Crime: Clinical Profile of the Homosexual ("The 'adjusted' homosexual is rarely involved in murder. It is the individual who may be struggling with homosexual tendencies... who is triggered into an aggressive act.") Seduction in the Classroom/The Sociology of Homosexuality.
 - Crimes of the Sexual Deviate: The Pedophile/Incest/Exhibitionism/Voyeurism/Transvestism/Sadism/Rape/Pornography and Its Criminal Reflections/The Crime of Obscene Calls/Prostitution/Crimes of "Normal" Sexuality.
 - Crimes of Drug Addiction: The Psychiatric View of Addiction/The Present Picture/Seduction of the Adolescent.
 - Business Crimes and the Business of Crime: Ethics and Business Crime/Stock Market Speculation and Crime/Embezzlement/Fraud/Labor Union Racketeers/The Profession of Crime/Profile of a Professional (The absorbing and revealing case history of Lucky Luciano).
- In his final section, *Therapy and Its Future*, Dr. Bromberg reviews the sound evidence to back up his statement that "those behavior patterns involved in many criminal acts are not far removed from those of normal behavior." And, because of this view, his prognosis for the "cure for crime" is an encouraging one. His "Crime Prevention Proposals" should be read by every citizen who feels his life in some way shadowed by the fear of Crime.

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