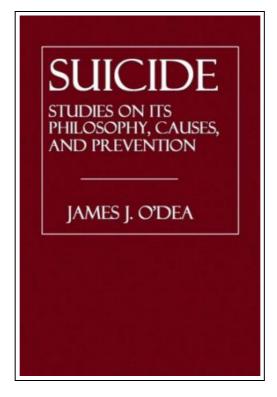
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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*\*.AT first sight a book on suicide would not seem attractive to the average reader, and yet, as treated of by Dr. O Dea, the subject proves to be full of interest. An understanding of the psychology of suicide-of all crime, indeed-is of great practical importance to society. The appearance of a work like the one before us, shows a growing recognition of the importance of such a study. In all ages suicide has had a literature, although it has been dealt with in a very different spirit at different periods of the world's history. Rig-Veda, the Hindu sacred book, by a corruption of its original text, enjoined the self-sacrifice of the widows; the Greek exponents of Stoicism and Epicureanism were the advocates and panegyrists of suicide; among the Christian Fathers, St. Cyprian upheld it for martyrdom, St. Jerome commended it for the preservation of chastity, while St. Augustine denounced it as altogether sinful; Donne, Dean of St. Paul s, in the seventeenth century, became its apologist; Montaigne reviewed it in his essays; Hume defended it in a special treatise; Rousseau devoted to it two letters of his Nouvelle Heloise; Dante consigned its victims to the seventh circle of hell. These, and many other facts of great interest, are brought out in the historical sketch which forms the first part of the book of Dr. O Dea. Esquirol, Falret, De Boismond, Durand, Fardel, Maudsley, and many others, have written of suicide in its relation to insanity. Dr. O Dea that suicide is, per se, no more evidence of insanity than crime against the lives and properties of others. Suicides may be either sane or insane. Of...



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