

"Drug dreams", or the dreams in which drug-addict patients use or attempt to use the drugs they are addicted to, are a well-documented clinical phenomenon in various forms of drug addiction. Authors have highlighted their clinical, prognostic, and therapeutic usefulness, since they provide information about the patients' 'drug craving', their ability to cope with it, and their motivation to stay clean and sober. However, the study of drug dreams also reveals several implications and inspiration for the general dream research and theory, especially with respect to the recent neuropsychology of dreaming, the emotional adaptive theories of dream, and the classical Freudian theory of dream. This book provides a systematic and comprehensive discussion on drug dreams by considering the various perspectives involved (such as therapy in drug addiction, neurobiology of drug craving, affective neuroscience, dream research) and, ideally, at suggesting future clinical applications for therapists (counsellors, psychotherapists, clinicians) in charge of treating drug-addicted patients, as well as input for dream researchers. The book draws from the author's clinical and research experience on drug dreams among heroin-addicted patients, as well as from the scientific literature in this field.

'Claudio Colace has a special talent for re-discovering basic facts about dreaming while simultaneously placing them on a more solid empirical footing. This book does for the dreams of drug addicts what his previous book did for the dreams of children. The deep structure of normal dreaming is revealed through a careful study of pathological examples. This is a classical study in the tradition of Charcot and Freud.'

—Mark Solms, Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa

'Claudio Colace's book provides an authoritative overview and synthesis of contemporary dream research and neuroscientific evidence relevant for evaluating Freudian dream theory. The book both clarifies important facets of Freudian dream theory and demonstrates that drug dreams provide an exciting theoretical and empirical platform for the study of the motivational bases of dreams. An extremely important resource for anyone interested in evaluating Freudian dream theory in the twenty-first century.'

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