

the myth of borderline personality disorder (excerpt)

A couple of years ago, I wrote a short book about borderline personality disorder. I said the following. The borderline is not a psychopath. The borderline has two coexisting but distinct psychological architectures. One of those architectures is sane and adult, the other is infantile and entitled. At any given time, one of those architectures is dominant. They are not simultaneously dominant. When the infantile one is dominant, the borderline acts like a psychopath. But even when the borderline is in the grips of the infantile side of her, her psychological functioning is very different from that of the psychopath, since the borderline is driven by a craving for relations with others, whereas the psychopath is driven by a complete obliviousness to what such relations are.

There were a few other nuances, but that is the gist of what I said.

And it's all true.

But there is a deeper truth that I didn't state.

BPD is basically a bunch of bullshit. Yes, all of the above is true. But everyone has an infantile and entitled side, and everyone, if possessed of the requisite sense of entitlement, would sex it up and drug it up the way the borderline does.

The borderline is a woman in the 21st century. That's the beginning and end of the matter. The borderline has a juggernaut legal apparatus at her disposal, a juggernaut media apparatus, a juggernaut cultural apparatus, and—during her earlier years—has the weight of millions of men's libido at her disposal....(Get the rest on Google Play/Audible)