

EXTRORDINARY CONDITIONS: CULTURE AND EXPERIENCE IN MENTAL ILLNESS BY JANIS JENKINS

"Provocative and ethnographically rich . . . Her book and her arguments are of paramount importance for anthropology, psychiatry and public health as we struggle to improve care for people facing extraordinary conditions, and its encapsulation in a single volume offers an unmatched resource for teaching and research design in these areas." —**Ethos**

"This extraordinary book will be relevant to all who are interested in medical anthropology, psychiatry, and health studies. . . . Highly recommended." —**CHOICE Connect**

"Comfortably traversing the boundaries between anthropology and psychiatry, Jenkins seeks to contextualize what is known as mental illness, taking it beyond the elicitation of symptoms to broader realms of subjective meaning situated within sociocultural influences. . . . This book is an intellectually engaged yet passionate quest to examine these influences in lives as lived." —**American Anthropologist**

*"It has been a privilege, through reading *Extraordinary Conditions*, to come into contact with a writer and practitioner of extraordinary compassion. The book bears witness to a process of open-ended interviewing that contributed to presenting the lives and experiences of Jenkins' interlocutors with a deep concern for their dignity and self-esteem."* —**Somatosphere**

*"Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness conveys the wisdom of decades negotiating the *edge of experience* to navigate the sometimes thorny boundaries of anthropology, psychiatry, and public health."* —**Medical Anthropology Quarterly**

Reviews of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. University of California Press. Publication release: 2015-09-15.

1. Soler, Nathanaëlle. 2018. [Revue française d'anthropologie, Janis H. Jenkins, *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *L'Homme*, 225: 223-225.](#)
English: [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness](#)
2. Barron, Katie. 2017. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *Somatosphere Science, Medicine, and Anthropology Collaborative Website*.](#)
3. Mendenhall, Emily. 2017. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly: J Society Medical Anthropology*.](#)
4. Myers, Neely Anne Laurenzo. 2016. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *Ethos: J Society Psychological Anthropology*, 44\(4\): 23-e25.](#)
5. Padgett, Deborah K. 2016. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *American Anthropologist: American Anthropological Association*](#)
6. CHOICE Review. 2016. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*.](#)
7. Hodge, Suzanne. 2016. [Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. Lancaster University.](#)
8. Thinking Aloud. 2015. [Online-interview, Review of Janis H. Jenkins' *Extraordinary Conditions: Culture and Experience in Mental Illness*. *Classical 89.org*.](#)