therapy really works in the sense of changing a person’s deepest desires. The subsequent case histories and theory chapters range from general reflections on the
hereditary vividness of cultures handling of child sexual abuse to cases of incest, pedophilia, inappropriate sex play between parents and children, among others. This is
the first book in the field of its kind to address in-depth and thoughtfully the ambiguous and fraught project of attempted rehabilitation of perpetrators and what that project tells us about our culture’s contradictions. No other book has combined that focus with a larger meditation on the state of anthropology, as "Cruel Attachments" so beautifully