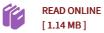




## The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic (Paperback)

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Bellevue Literary Press, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Lives They Left Behind is a deeply moving testament to the human side of mental illness, and of the narrow margin which so often separates the sane from the mad. It is a remarkable portrait, too, of the life of a psychiatric asylum--the sort of community in which, for better and for worse, hundreds of thousands of people lived out their lives. Darby Penney and Peter Stastny s careful historical (almost archaeological) and biographical reconstructions give us unique insight into these lives which would otherwise be lost and, indeed, unimaginable to the rest of us. --Oliver Sacks Fascinating.The haunting thing about the suitcase owners is that it s so easy to identify with them. --Newsweek When Willard State Hospital closed its doors in 1995, after operating as one of New York State s largest mental institutions for over 120 years, a forgotten attic filled with suitcases belonging to former patients was discovered. Using the possessions found in these suitcases along with institutional records and doctors notes from patient sessions, Darby Penney, a leading advocate of patients rights, and Peter Stastny, a psychiatrist and...



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