



## The Courtship Dance of the Borderline

By Anthony Walker

Download now

Read Online →

### **The Courtship Dance of the Borderline** By Anthony Walker

A unique reflection by a psychiatrist on his former marriage to a patient with Borderline Personality Disorder, and the disturbing effects on the relationship.

Borderline Personality Disorder has levels of prevalence, social dysfunction, health care utilization, and chronicity that make its public health significance similar to that of other major psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression, yet it has not received comparable attention. The Courtship Dance of the Borderline is an important statement that will enhance public consciousness about a disorder that is universally recognized and widely discussed within mental health circles. Never before has Borderline Personality Disorder been so intimately explored and detailed from the perspective of a spouse. Now a psychiatrist recounts his relationship with a sufferer of the condition, and the complex issues that arise in the relationship.

↓ [Download The Courtship Dance of the Borderline ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online The Courtship Dance of the Borderline ...pdf](#)

# The Courtship Dance of the Borderline

*By Anthony Walker*

## **The Courtship Dance of the Borderline** By Anthony Walker

A unique reflection by a psychiatrist on his former marriage to a patient with Borderline Personality Disorder, and the disturbing effects on the relationship.

Borderline Personality Disorder has levels of prevalence, social dysfunction, health care utilization, and chronicity that make its public health significance similar to that of other major psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression, yet it has not received comparable attention. The Courtship Dance of the Borderline is an important statement that will enhance public consciousness about a disorder that is universally recognized and widely discussed within mental health circles. Never before has Borderline Personality Disorder been so intimately explored and detailed from the perspective of a spouse. Now a psychiatrist recounts his relationship with a sufferer of the condition, and the complex issues that arise in the relationship.

## **The Courtship Dance of the Borderline** By Anthony Walker Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #2353137 in Books
- Color: Other
- Published on: 2001-10
- Ingredients: Example Ingredients
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: .39" h x 5.98" w x 9.04" l,
- Binding: Paperback
- 139 pages

 [Download The Courtship Dance of the Borderline ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Courtship Dance of the Borderline ...pdf](#)

## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Walker's disturbing memoir follows the relationship between the author (a psychiatrist) and his wife, Michelle, from its tumultuous beginning in 1985 to their ambivalent last good-bye three years later. The subtitle "a case study" attempts to maintain a professional distance from this devastating relationship, but it's all too clear that the illness from which Walker's wife suffered came close to dragging him down with her. Walker is first smitten by Michelle when, as a medical student, he encounters her on rounds, where she is presented as a recent suicide attempt. He can't understand how such a beautiful, sexy young woman would want to kill herself and returns to interview her for a school presentation. Despite warnings from his teacher, friends and father, he falls deeply in love and is drawn into her world, only to emerge with great difficulty a year later. Walker, an outgoing, athletic, cheerful young man, relinquishes more and more of himself to Michelle and gradually becomes isolated, depressed, devious and even violent as he tries to cope with-and ultimately escape from-Michelle. Walker, who now treats teenage girls with borderline personality disorder, is not an expert writer. His dialogues often sound as if the speakers learned English as a second language. But this intimate narrative, showing how the best intentions of a naive, compassionate young doctor can lead him straight to hell, will fascinate readers who've dealt with similar situations firsthand. The three appendixes provide welcome information about the definition, diagnosis and treatment of borderline personality disorder.

Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

Walker, then a student at a Miami medical center, met and fell in love with a young patient who had attempted suicide. He should have buckled up, for the beautiful Michele was to take him on an exceedingly bumpy ride. Walker, now a psychiatrist, recounts in sometimes graphic detail his three-year relationship with a woman who suffered from borderline personality disorder, which is characterized in part by impulsiveness, inappropriate or intense fits of anger, unstable interpersonal relationships, and suicidal behavior. It is named as it is, Walker says, because psychiatrists first theorized it was a pathology lying on the figurative border between psychosis and neurosis. Walker began his relationship with Michele in hopes of rescuing her from the grips of the terrible ailment. In the end, he was the one who needed rescue. His very personal account, with names and specific details changed to shield privacy, portrays the seductive nature of a "borderline" and how the disorder ravages not only its victims but also those who love them. *Donna Chavez*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Review

"This sexually and emotionally frank account realistically captures the characteristically intense appeals and disillusionments that can be expected in a relationship with someone who has [borderline personality disorder]. . . . This book is an important statement that will enhance public consciousness about a disorder that is universally recognized and widely discussed within mental health circles. . . . Alongside the movie *Fatal Attraction*, the book and movie *Girl, Interrupted*, and the psycho-biographical accounts of the borderline personality traits found in Princess Diana and Marilyn Monroe, [*Siren's Dance*] can titillate even as it teaches." --John G. Gunderson, M.D., from the Foreword

"A vivid story of love, romantic rescue, and the painful limits of compassion. Dr. Walker successfully transforms the experience of his tortured marriage into an important book about the impact of borderline personality disorder on human hope and caring." --Richard Schwartz, M.D., author of *Marriage in Motion*

and assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School

"Avoiding the temptation to blame the borderline for the doomed relationship, Mr. Walker honestly describes his own mistakes and lets us listen in on the advice he failed to heed. . . . This book will validate readers' experiences with borderlines in their own lives and hopefully prevent them from making the same mistakes." --Randi Kreger, coauthor of *Stop Walking on Eggshells*

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Curtis Russell:**

Now a day folks who Living in the era where everything reachable by connect with the internet and the resources in it can be true or not demand people to be aware of each facts they get. How people have to be smart in getting any information nowadays? Of course the reply is reading a book. Reading through a book can help individuals out of this uncertainty Information especially this The Courtship Dance of the Borderline book as this book offers you rich info and knowledge. Of course the info in this book hundred per cent guarantees there is no doubt in it everbody knows.

#### **Fidel Auxier:**

Information is provisions for folks to get better life, information today can get by anyone from everywhere. The information can be a know-how or any news even a concern. What people must be consider if those information which is inside former life are difficult to be find than now's taking seriously which one is suitable to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you obtain the unstable resource then you get it as your main information there will be huge disadvantage for you. All of those possibilities will not happen in you if you take The Courtship Dance of the Borderline as your daily resource information.

#### **Antonio Nelson:**

This The Courtship Dance of the Borderline is new way for you who has attention to look for some information because it relief your hunger associated with. Getting deeper you in it getting knowledge more you know or you who still having little bit of digest in reading this The Courtship Dance of the Borderline can be the light food in your case because the information inside this particular book is easy to get by anyone. These books acquire itself in the form that is reachable by anyone, yeah I mean in the e-book form. People who think that in reserve form make them feel drowsy even dizzy this reserve is the answer. So there is absolutely no in reading a book especially this one. You can find what you are looking for. It should be here for you actually. So , don't miss it! Just read this e-book kind for your better life along with knowledge.

**Anita Rodriguez:**

Reading a publication make you to get more knowledge from that. You can take knowledge and information from your book. Book is created or printed or descriptive from each source which filled update of news. With this modern era like today, many ways to get information are available for anyone. From media social similar to newspaper, magazines, science e-book, encyclopedia, reference book, novel and comic. You can add your understanding by that book. Do you want to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just in search of the The Courtship Dance of the Borderline when you required it?

**Download and Read Online The Courtship Dance of the Borderline  
By Anthony Walker #V5KUI870TFP**

## **Read The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker for online ebook**

The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker books to read online.

### **Online The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker ebook PDF download**

**The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker Doc**

**The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker Mobipocket**

**The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker EPub**

**V5KUI870TFP: The Courtship Dance of the Borderline By Anthony Walker**