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The refusal of motherhood

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Infanticide is a very dramatic and emblematic case, concerning the conflictual relationship between mother and son.

This book wants to analyze how infanticide changes as time passes and the involved subject's characteristics. What is necessary is a cross-disciplinary intervention to examine the historical, social and psychological meaning of maternity and the laws made on it. Particular importance is given to the analysis of female criminality and to the destructive behaviour of these women; theme which requires a deepening of the difficult relationship between mother and son.

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