

# Sad, mad and bad - women and the mind-doctors from 1800

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That doesn't make me or anyone else on a psych med weak or defective.

**Who are you calling mad?**

Mad, Bad and Sad: A History of Women and the Mind Doctors from 1800 to the Present by Lisa Appignanesi Virago £20, pp560 This is a book with a broad scope and a bold aim: to look at the history of the study of the female mind over the past two centuries.

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Later on - as another reviewer has mentioned - she seems to disregard the prevalence of sexual abuse, arguing that much of it is imagined or fantasised within or without therapy. Because Appignanesi has a complex story to tell there is no blaming at work in this wonderful book, but a shrewd and sympathetic apprehension of what is at stake in the difficult histories of both the Mind Doctors and those they seek to help.

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When stable, she could describe her conflicted mental state in great detail to her doctors. Why does she unnecessarily conflate two distinct states of being, that of appetite and that of hunger? Despite its girth, I read it incredibly quickly. She was awarded an OBE for services to Literature in 2013.

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This is a big book about a huge subject. I have no clue where she got that ridiculous idea and, surprise surprise! With the book being so big it feels weak as though it is going to fall apart when I turn the pages. They are also, more mundanely, presented as men and women who honestly do or

did their best to make sense of the minefields of mental illness.

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