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forget to begin with the state of the body genetics and the Stephen family line -- How completely he satisfied her is proved by the collapse emblematic events in family history -- How immense must be the force of life the art of autobiography and Woolf's bipolar theory of being -- A novel devoted to influenza reading without resolution in the voyage out -- Does anybody know Mr. Flanders? Bipolar cognition and syncretistic vision in Jacob's Room -- The sane & insane, side by side the object-relation of self-management in Mrs. Dalloway -- It is finished ambivalence resolved, self restored in To the Light house -- I do not know altogether who I am the plurality of intrasubjective life in the Waves.

Sommario/riassunto

The author contends psychobiography has much to gain from a closer engagement with science. Literary studies of Woolf's life have been written almost exclusively from a psychoanalytic perspective. They portray Woolf as a victim of the Freudian "family romance," reducing her art to a neurotic evasion of a traumatic childhood. But current knowledge about manic-depressive illness--its genetic transmission, its biochemistry, and its effect on brain function--reveals a new relationship between Woolf's art and her illness. Caramagno demonstrates how Woolf used her illness intelligently and creatively in her theories of fiction, of mental functioning, and of self structure. Her novels dramatize her struggle to imagine and master psychic fragmentation. They helped her restore form and value to her own sense of self and lead her readers to an enriched appreciation of the complexity of human consciousness.
