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- *Individual authors*
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- *Editor(s), Compiler(s)*
Tyrer P & Stein G, editors. Personality Disorder Review. London: The Royal College of Psychiatrists; 1993.

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