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## INTRODUCTION

### JONATHAN SADOWSKY

Jonathan Sadowsky is the Theodore J. Castele Professor of the History of Medicine, History Department Chair, and Associate Director of the Program in Medicine, Society, and Culture at Case Western Reserve University. He holds degrees in History from Wesleyan (BA), Stanford (MA), and received his PhD in African History from The Johns Hopkins University in 1993. He is the author of *Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria* and *Electroconvulsive Therapy in America: The Anatomy of a Medical Controversy* (Routledge, 2016). He is the co-editor of the six-volume *Cultural History of Madness*, forthcoming from Bloomsbury Press. His most recent book, *The Empire of Depression: A New History*, will be coming out in Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian and Turkish editions.

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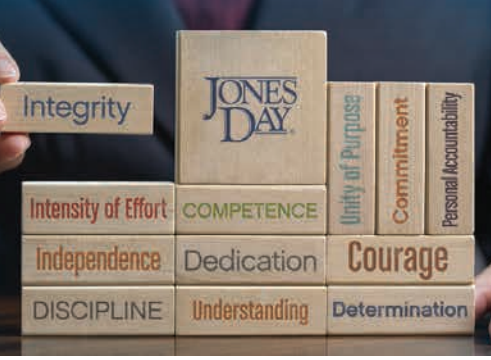
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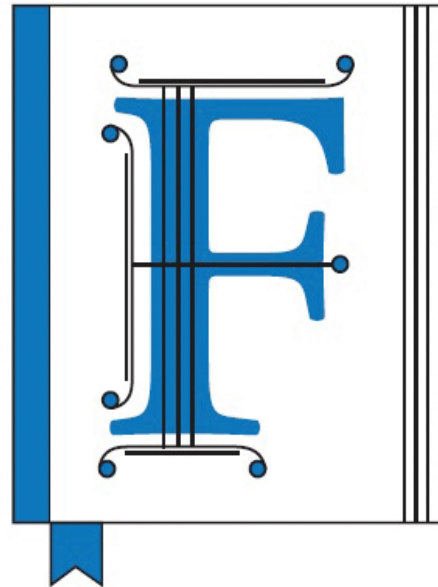
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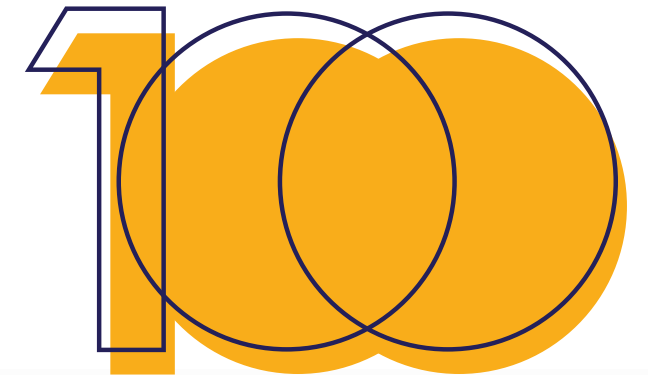
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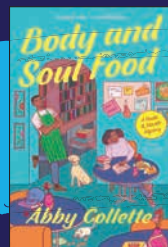
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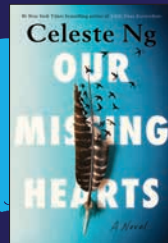
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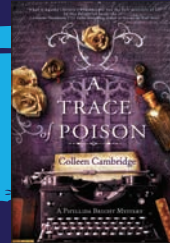
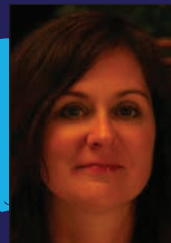
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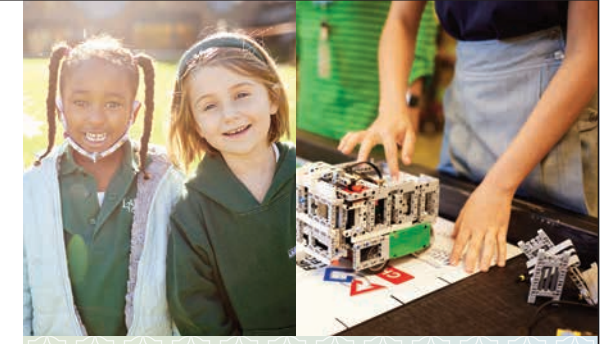
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