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The most influential critique of psychiatry ever written
The Myth of Mental Illness: Foundations of a Theory of Personal Conduct is a 1961 book by the psychiatrist Thomas Szasz, in which the author criticizes psychiatry and argues against the concept of mental illness. It received much publicity, and has become a classic, well known as an argument against the tendency of psychiatrists to label people who are "disabled by living" as "mentally ill". Mental illnesses are communicative actions, to be understood in terms of motives, rule following, and the like, and hence inevitably involving moral judgments, in contrast to bodily disorders which happen to the patient, and are to be understood in terms of conventional causality.
The Myth of Mental Illness: Foundations of a Theory of Personal Conduct. By diagnosing unwanted behavior as mental illness, psychiatrists, Szasz argues, absolve individuals of responsibility for their actions and instead blame their alleged illness. He also critiques Freudian psychology as a pseudoscience and warns against the dangerous overreach of psychiatry into all aspects of modern life.