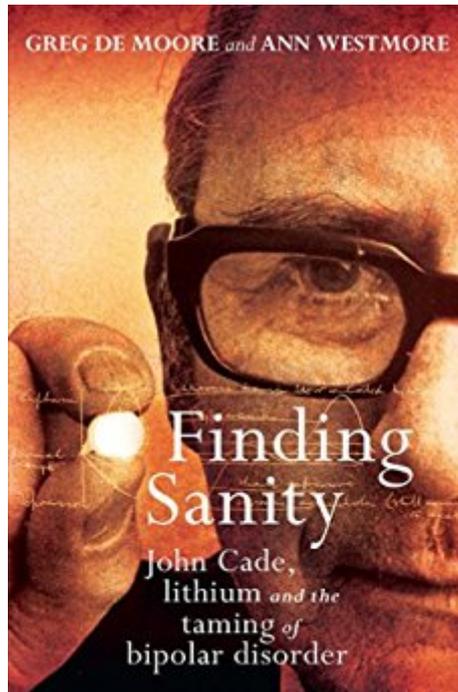


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I have postpartum bipolar/bipolar, peripartum onset and I take lithium; it has been a total lifesaver. I've always been curious about the doctor who discovered the use of lithium for bipolar disorder, so I was thrilled when I found out about this book. While I was disappointed with the high purchase price, I found it was a worthwhile investment to learn about Dr. John Cade and the salt that has

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