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scholarship. Malcolm Macmillan's exhaustive analysis of Freud's personality theory describes the logical and other assumptions on which Freud's work was based and shows how these assumptions interacted with his clinical observations to produce all-embracing but faulty methods for gathering and

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evaluating evidence. Macmillan provides a meticulous account of the historical evolution of Freud's thought and its background in Freud's contacts with the books and people that influenced him and evaluates the entirety of the Freudian system. Included is a compilation of major criticisms of the

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*methodology and assumptions of
Freudian theory and a new
comprehensive afterword by the author
surveying the relevant literature
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"Original sin is the Western world's
creation story." According to the*

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Christian doctrine of original sin, humans are born inherently bad, and only through God's grace can they achieve salvation. In this captivating and controversial book, acclaimed historian James Boyce explores how this centuries-old concept has shaped the Western view of human nature right up

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to the present. Boyce traces a history of original sin from Adam and Eve, St. Augustine, and Martin Luther to Adam Smith, Sigmund Freud, and Richard Dawkins, and explores how each has contributed to shaping our conception of original sin. Boyce argues that despite the marked decline in church attendance

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in recent years, religious ideas of morality still very much underpin our modern secular society, regardless of our often being unaware of their origins. If today the specific doctrine has all but disappeared (even from churches), what remains is the distinctive discontent of Western people—the feelings of guilt and

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inadequacy associated not with doing wrong, but with being wrong. In addition to offering an innovative history of Christianity, Boyce offers new insights in to the creation of the West. Born Bad is the sweeping story of a controversial idea and the remarkable influence it still wields.

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Frankland analyses the whole range of Freud's own texts from a literary-critical perspective, providing a comprehensive reappraisal of his life's work. Freud was steeped in classical European literature but

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seems initially to have repressed all literary influences on his scientific work. Frankland traces their re-emergence, examining in detail Freud's many literary allusions and quotations as well as the rhetoric and

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imagery of his writing. He explores Freud's own attempts at analysing literature, the influence of literary criticism on his approach to analysing patients and his creation of psychoanalytical 'novels',

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quasi-literary fictions
fraught with profoundly
personal subtexts. Freud's
Literary Culture sheds new
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continues to have an
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postmodern culture precisely because he was so deeply rooted in European literary tradition.

Perhaps best remembered as the founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud has become respected

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as a great thinker and therapist. He inspired and redefined the field of psychology and continues to intrigue the psychological field today. This is the story of Sigmund Freud, the most recognized name in

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A fundamental reassessment
of the Freud legend that
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From the master of Freud debunkers, the book that definitively puts an end to the myth of psychoanalysis and its creator Since the 1970s, Sigmund Freud ' s scientific reputation has been in an accelerating tailspin—but nonetheless the idea persists that some of his contributions were visionary discoveries of lasting value.

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Now, drawing on rarely consulted archives, Frederick Crews has assembled a great volume of evidence that reveals a surprising new Freud: a man who blundered tragicomically in his dealings with patients, who in fact never cured anyone, who promoted cocaine as a miracle drug capable of curing a wide

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range of diseases, and who advanced his career through falsifying case histories and betraying the mentors who had helped him to rise. The legend has persisted, Crews shows, thanks to Freud ' s fictive self-invention as a master detective of the psyche, and later through a campaign of censorship and falsification conducted by

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thought favoring relational, postmodern, and intersubjective perspectives, which largely define American psychoanalysis today. Conundrums turns an eye toward the philosophical underpinnings of contemporary theory; its theoretical relation to traditional psychoanalytic thought; clinical implications for

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therapeutic practice; political and ethical ramifications of contemporary praxis; and its intersection with points of consilience that emerge from these traditions. Central arguments and criticisms advanced throughout the book focus on operationally defining the key tenets of contemporary perspectives; the seduction

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and ambiguity of postmodernism; the question of selfhood and agency; illegitimate attacks on classical psychoanalysis; the role of therapeutic excess; contemporary psychoanalytic politics; and the question of consilience between psychoanalysis as a science versus psychoanalysis as part of the humanities.

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The historical criticisms against psychoanalysis are further explored in the context of the current philosophical-scientific binary that preoccupies the field. How did psychoanalysis attain its prominent cultural position? How did it eclipse rival psychologies and psychotherapies, such that it became

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natural to bracket Freud with Copernicus and Darwin? Why did Freud 'triumph' to such a degree that we hardly remember his rivals? This book reconstructs the early controversies around psychoanalysis and shows that rather than demonstrating its superiority, Freud and his followers rescripted history. This legend-making was

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not an incidental addition to psychoanalytic theory but formed its core. Letting the primary material speak for itself, this history demonstrates the extraordinary apparatus by which this would-be science of psychoanalysis installed itself in contemporary societies. Beyond psychoanalysis, it opens up the

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history of the constitution of the modern psychological sciences and psychotherapies, how they furnished the ideas which we have of ourselves and how these became solidified into indisputable 'facts'.

Freud's Paranoid Quest is an exceptionally broad-ranging and well-written

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book....Whether or not one agrees with certain of his arguments and assessments, one must acknowledge the remarkable intelligence that is displayed on nearly every page. --Louis Sassauthor of Madness and Modernism and The Paradoxes of Delusion John Farrell's Freud's Paranoid Quest is the most trenchant, exhilarating

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and illuminating book I have encountered in many years. [The book] should be pondered not just by all students of Freud's thought but by everyone who senses that 'advanced modernity' has by now outstayed its welcome. --Frederick Crews University of California, Berkeley In Freud's Paranoid Quest, John Farrell

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analyzes the personality and thought of Sigmund Freud in order to give insight into modernity's paranoid character and into the true nature of Freudian psychoanalysis. John Farrell's Freud is not the path-breaking psychologist he claimed to be, but the fashioner and prisoner of a total system of suspicion. The most gifted

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of paranoids, Freud deployed this system as a self-heroizing myth and a compelling historical ideology.

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Conundrums

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Sexuality

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The Evolution of Freud

Freud's Memory

***Civilization and Its Discontents is
considered Freud's most brilliant
work. In it he states his views on***

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the broad question of man's place in the world. It has been praised, dissected, lambasted, interpreted, and reinterpreted. Originally published in 1930, it seeks to answer several questions fundamental to human society and its organization—What influences

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***led to the creation of civilization?
Why and how did it come to be?
What determines civilization's
trajectory? This process, argues
Freud, is an inherent quality of
civilization that instills perpetual
feelings of discontent in its citizens.
Freud's theme is that what works***

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for civilization doesn't necessarily work for man. Man, by nature aggressive and egotistical, seeks self-satisfaction.

Today Sigmund Freud's legacy seems as hotly contested as ever. He continues to attract fanaticism of one kind or another. If Freud

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might be disappointed at the failure of his successors to confirm many of his so-called discoveries he would be gratified by the transforming impact of his ideas in contemporary moral and ethical thinking. To move from the history of psychoanalysis onto the more

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neutral ground of scholarly inquiry is not a simple task. There is still little effort to study Freud and his followers within the context of intellectual history. Yet in an era when psychiatry appears to be going in a different direction from that charted by Freud, his basic

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point of view still attracts newcomers in areas of the world relatively untouched by psychoanalytic influence in the past. It is all the more important to clarify the strengths and the limitations of Freud's approach. Roazen begins by delving into the

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***personality of Freud, and
reassesses his own earlier volume,
Freud and His Followers. He then
examines "Freud Studies" in the
nature of Freudian appraisals and
patients. He examines a succession
of letters between Freud and
Silberstein; Freud and Jones; Anna***

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Freud and Eva Rosenfeld; James Strachey and Rupert Brooke. Roazen includes a series of interviews with such personages as Michael Balint, Philip Sarasin, Donald W. Winnicott, and Franz Jung. He explores curious relationships concerning Lou

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***Andreas-Salome, Tola Rank, and
Felix Deutsch, and deals with
biographies of Freud's
predecessors, Charcot and Breuer,
and contemporaries including
Menninger, Erikson, Helene
Deutsch, and a number of followers.
Freud's national reception in such***

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countries as Russia, America, France, among others is examined, and Roazen surveys the literature relating to the history of psychoanalysis. Finally, he brings to light new documents offering fresh interpretations and valuable bits of new historical evidence. This

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brilliantly constructed book explores the vagaries of Freud's impact over the twentieth century, including current controversial issues related to placing Freud and his theories within the historiography of psychoanalysis. It will be of interest to

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psychoanalysts, intellectual historians, and those interested in the history of ideas.

Introductory psychology courses can raise significant questions about the nature of being human. Christianity, with its emphasis on humans made in the image of God,

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has a clear perspective. Psychology offers answers too, but they are often subtly implied. This introductory guide, drawn from more than fifty years of classroom experience, provides students with a coherent framework for considering psychology from a

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introductory psychology textbooks, making this an excellent supplemental text. End-of-chapter questions are included. A test bank for professors is available through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources.

Killing Freud takes the reader on a

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negotiation of high theory and low
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In 1896, Sigmund Freud

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presented his revolutionary "seduction theory," arguing that acts of sexual abuse and violence inflicted on children are the direct cause of adult mental illness. Nine years later, Freud completely reversed his position,

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insisting that these sexual memories were actually fantasies that never happened. Why did Freud retract the seduction theory? And why has the psychoanalytic community gone to such lengths to conceal

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that retraction? In this landmark book, drawing on his unique access to formerly sealed and hidden papers, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson dares to uncover the truth about this critical turning point in Freud's

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career and its enduring impact on the theory and practice of psychoanalysis. The Assault on Truth reveals a reality that neither Freud nor his followers could bear to face. Bracing in its honesty, gripping in its

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revelations, this is the book that prompted Masson's break with the psychoanalytic community- and launched his subsequent brilliant career as an independent thinker and writer." Originally published in 2003.

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Western attitudes to crime were in the past rooted in concepts of sin, and therefore of hopes for redemption and forgiveness. So what happens - to offenders and society as a whole - in a world where people no longer talk of

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sin but of evil. If hopes of redemption go too, will revenge take the place of forgiveness? Kay Carmichael explores these dilemmas in this topical and provocative book. She traces the stories of Myra Hindley, Mary

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Bell, Sarah Payne, James Bulger and his killers, comparing public responses to such crimes in various Western countries. Art and literature are examined for the light they throw on the evolution of our ideas about sin

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and forgiveness - from
Rembrandt to Nathaniel
Hawthorne, Samuel Becket, Dali
and writings inspired by the
Holocaust. Turning to our own
day, Carmichael discusses the
emergence of structural sins or

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'iniquities' in which we may all find ourselves involved: poverty, slavery, violence and war are her themes. Her analysis leaves her sceptical about many contemporary appeals for forgiveness, but hopeful about

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ideas of restorative justice.

Freud Revisited sees Freud as one of the last great exponents of Enlightenment rationalism; yet he also forms part of modernism - which shattered traditional forms in art - and he

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leads forward to certain postmodern ideas. The book examines some of Freud's themes which remain challenging and relevant today - for example, psychoanalysis as a form of narrative-construction,

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the creative nature of memory, the revolutionary nature of the knowledge gained through psychotherapy, and the unconscious, which subverts any notion of stable human identity. A beautifully written exposition

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of Freud's ideas and how they emerged from the zeitgeist of the age, Stevens offers students and general readers a stimulating and uniquely balanced assessment of Freud's work. He also examines its

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implications for society and for understanding the person. The best and most readable introduction to Freud available. Born Bad Examining the Essence of his Contribution

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Resemblances Between the

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Psychoanalysis at the Limit

Sigmund Freud

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Renowned Freud scholar Barry R. Silverstein presents in a historical context an overview of the development of Freud's theories. What was Freud thinking, when, and why and what were the major influences which shaped his ideas? We follow the inner movement of his theory

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construction, its meaning and coherence, as well as his conceptual logic and personal directions concerning his evolving views of the reciprocal interactions between mind and body, the motivational force of instinctual drives, and the dominant role of sexuality rooted in evolutionary

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biology in human development, behaviour, and the creation of neurotic disturbances. We follow Freud's construction and sequential reconstructions of his theoretical models concerning the nature, dynamics, and principles of unconscious mental functioning,

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including his changing concepts on the nature and purpose of dreams. We trace his changing views on the role of deferred action of early childhood experiences and the determining role of unconscious fantasy, psychic reality, in the formation of adult character structure and neuroses.

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Through such historical analysis this book provides grounding for a meaningful understanding of Freud's familiar concepts: id, ego, superego, and the Oedipus complex. We explore what these concepts meant to Freud, why he conceived them, and what functions they served in his theory of

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mind. This is the perfect book for students and trainees wanting to learn more about the development of Freud's ideas, as well as for established psychoanalysts and psychotherapists interested in expanding their knowledge of Freud's theories.

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What makes a person Jewish? Why do some people feel they have physically inherited the memories of their ancestors? Is there any way to think about race without reducing it to racism or to physical differences? These questions are at the heart of *Racial Fever: Freud and the Jewish*

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Question. In his final book, *Moses and Monotheism*, Freud hinted at the complexities of Jewishness and insisted that Moses was really an Egyptian. Slavet moves far beyond debates about how Freud felt about Judaism; instead, she explores what he wrote about Jewishness: what it is,

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how it is transmitted, and how it has survived. Freud's Moses emerges as the culmination of his work on transference, telepathy, and intergenerational transmission, and on the relationships between memory and its rivals: history, heredity, and fantasy. Writing on the eve of the Holocaust,

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Freud proposed that Jewishness is constituted by the inheritance of ancestral memories; thus, regardless of any attempts to repress, suppress, or repudiate Jewishness, Jews will remain Jewish and Judaism will survive, for better and for worse. In this challenging collection of essays,

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the noted historian and philosopher of science John Forrester delves into the disputes over Freud's dead body. With wit and erudition, he tackles questions central to our psychoanalytic century's ways of thinking and living, including the following: Can one speak of a morality of the psychoanalytic life? Are

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the lives of both analysts and patients doomed to repeat the incestuous patterns they uncover? What and why did Freud collect? Is a history of psychoanalysis possible? By taking nothing for granted and leaving no cliché of psychobabble--theoretical or popular--untuned, Forrester gives us

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a sense of the ethical surprises and epistemological riddles that a century of tumultuous psychoanalytical debate has often obscured. In these pages, we explore dreams, history, ethics, political theory, and the motor of psychoanalysis as a scientific movement. Forrester makes us feel

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that the Freud Wars are not merely a vicious quarrel or a fashionable journalistic talking point for the late twentieth century. This hundred years' war is an index of the cultural and scientific climate of modern times. Freud is indeed a barometer for understanding how we conduct our

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different lives.

Examines modern controversies over Freud and Freudian thought while questioning the theory of infantile sexuality and showing where Freud consistently misdiagnosed his patients and failed to make his claimed cures.

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Exploring Psychology and Christian

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Faith

For three decades Frank Cioffi has been at the center of the debate over Freud's legacy and the legitimacy of psychoanalysis. Cioffi has given startling demonstrations that, in one area after another, Freud's accounts of the

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development of his theories are untruthful. But Cioffi's even more impressive achievement has been to scrupulously distinguish the many different, often equivocal, assertions made by psychoanalysis, thus laying bare the mechanism of its rhetorical

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Examines the question of science, epistemology, and unconscious experience in psychoanalytic theory and practice.

Hans Eysenck was one of the best-known research psychologists of the twentieth century. Respected

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as a prolific author, he was unafraid to address controversial topics. In Decline and Fall of the Freudian Empire, he places himself at the center of the debate on psychoanalytic theory, challenging the state of Freudian theory and modern-day psychoanalytic

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practice and questioning the premises on which psychoanalysis is based. In so doing, Eysenck illustrates the shortcomings of both psychoanalysis as a method of curing neurotic and psychotic behaviors, and of the theory of dreams and their interpretation. He

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also analyzes Freud's influence on anthropology and his alleged contributions to science. While books about Sigmund Freud and psychoanalysis abound, most have been written by followers and acolytes and are therefore uncritical, unaware of alternative

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theories, or written as weapons in a war of propaganda. Others are long and highly technical, and therefore valuable only to students and professionals. Decline and Fall of the Freudian Empire, on the other hand, was written with the non-professional in mind, and is for

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**those who wish to know what
modern scholarship has
discovered about the truth or falsity
of Freudian doctrines. Graced with
an incisive new preface by Sybil
Eysenck exploring her husband's
motivation for writing the book,
Decline and Fall of the Freudian**

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Empire is an authoritative and convincing work that exposes the underlying contradictions in Freudian theory, as well as the limitations and errors of psychoanalysis.

This study is a philosophical critique of the foundations of

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Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis. As such, it also takes cognizance of his claim that psychoanalysis has the credentials of a natural science. It shows that the reasoning on which Freud rested the major hypotheses of his edifice was fundamentally flawed, even if the

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**probity of the clinical observations
he adduced were not in question.
Moreover, far from deserving to be
taken at face value, clinical data
from the psychoanalytic treatment
setting are themselves
epistemically quite suspect.
Freud and the Institution of**

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Psychoanalytic Knowledge

The Assault on Truth

... in Five Hours, Not Five Years

Freud

The Historiography of

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Twentieth Century Culture and the

Death of Psychoanalysis

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Original Sin and the Making of the Western World

This work is an exploration of the relationship between psychotherapy and religion. Sigmund Freud and Carl Rogers were chosen for this exposition because both of them

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were seduced by the high status given to science. Both founders of psychotherapies, they left a legacy which is not that of scientists whom they claimed they were. Both Freud and Rogers had a problematic relationship with religion, and this

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has had a lasting effect on the work and attitudes of their respective followers. In order to explore effectively this relationship, this work begins with a critical examination of the historical context in which both Freud and Rogers worked, and how

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in their determination to be scientists both missed the importance of the religious. It continues with an exploration of the effects of this legacy on the work of contemporary psychotherapists. The context in which their followers work relies on a

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relationship with the founder, which goes beyond that of science, and in addition, each practitioner is influenced by socio-economic circumstances that are particular to them.

This book provides a

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comprehensive and clear survey of the major theoretical schools of psychotherapy - including Freudian, Jungian, humanistic and cognitive. There is also some consideration of the impact of new discoveries in neuroscience upon psychotherapy,

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and of the status of psychotherapy as a profession. The book also provides a concrete, detailed and hands-on introduction to working with clients, with many vivid and helpful vignettes from actual sessions. Many practical issues are

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covered, including: - How the setting for therapy can become a safe and secure container. - Ways in which the therapist/client relationship can be used an invaluable tool in therapy. - How client negativity can be handled. - Methods for dealing

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with the difficult or disturbed client.

The book also covers more controversial issues such as the authentic relationship, the role of the body in therapy, and the therapist's own self-disclosure. This book is an essential introduction to

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psychotherapy for all trainee psychotherapists.

This book offers a new account of Freud's work by reading him as the social theorist and philosopher he always aspired to be, and not as the medical scientist he publicly claimed

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to be. In doing so, the author demonstrates that's Freud's social, moral, and cultural thought constitutes the core of his life's work as a theorist, and is the thread that binds his voluminous writings together: from his earliest essays on

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the neuroses, to his foundational writings on dreams and sexuality, and to his far-ranging reflections on art, religion, and the dynamics of culture. Returning to the fundamental questions and concerns that animate Freud's work

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- the nature of evil; the origins of religion, morality, and tradition; and the looming threat of resurgent barbarism - Freud as a Social and Cultural Theorist provides the first systematic re-examination of Freud's social and cultural thought in

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more than a generation. As such, it will be of interest to social and cultural theorists, social philosophers, intellectual and cultural historians, and those with interests in psychoanalysis and its origins.

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In Western culture, the psychoanalysis that has guided popular psychology for almost a century is now on the retreat. Better equipped with proven results, cognitive and evolutionary psychology has driven

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psychoanalysis out of the spotlight. In cultural and film studies, however, the debate between cognitive sciences and psychoanalysis remains contentious. This volume explores this state of things by examining criticism of 18 films,

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juxtaposing them with cognitive-based films to reveal the flaws in the psychoanalytical concepts. It pays particular attention to simulation theory, the concept that narratives “learned” from films could work in human minds as simulations for

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solutions to particular problems. By introducing the idea of narrative stimulation to film studies, this work argues for a different method of film critique, encouraging further research into this nascent field. New Responses in a Changing

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