

Abraham. She begins to publish and, after a warmly received series of lectures in London, she accepts an invitation from Ernest Jones to come to England to practise.

But, as Grosskurth makes clear, this courageous, forceful woman was to encounter (even encourage) opposition. Indeed, she was to spend the rest of her days embroiled in heated conflicts over the nature of her work and in struggles for control of the professional organization to which she belonged. These conflicts were first and foremost with Sigmund Freud and his acolyte daughter Anna, then with several of the British analysts who had originally welcomed her so enthusiastically, and, most tragically, with her own daughter Melitta, whom Klein had introduced to the psychoanalytic world when the girl was still a medical student in Budapest.

Melanie Klein was not only a highly organized theorist and effective practitioner, but an extraordinary woman. This book about her is a major contribution to psychoanalytic history.

REVIEWS

"This ultimately sympathetic biography has been comprehensively researched, leaving the impression that every available piece of evidence has been unearthed and carefully weighed....It is impossible in a review of this length to do even minimal justice to this exhaustive biography. Readers interested in psychoanalytic theory and in details of the internecine strife among different schools of psychoanalytic thought will have much to absorb them."

Ken Adachi, Toronto Star

"In this thorough and scholarly biography Phyllis Grosskurth for the first time pieces together, with the help of Klein's son and the British analysts she interviewed, the life of this extraordinary woman and the factors in it that influenced her theories."

Rosemary Dinnage, New York Review of Books

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Ken Adachi, Toronto Star

"...Klein is an ideal subject for biography. And Grosskurth handles her with consummate skill."

Jean Smith Mottershead, Edmonton Journal

"There is no doubt, however, that she (Grosskurth) is an expert at reconstruction, painstakingly weaving together personal correspondence, tidbits from interviews, and other fragments of history to create a comprehensive and coherent narrative."

Meagan Daley, Books in Canada

"Phyllis Grosskurth is arguably our most accomplished biographer, versatile, thorough, eloquent, and fearless in advancing into areas where the material she deals with is likely to be esoteric to the layman....and one of the most impressive aspects of Grosskurth's achievement is the skill with which she makes the theories of the contesting psychoanalysts and the terms of their arguments comprehensible to the lay reader."

George Woodcock, Canadian Literature