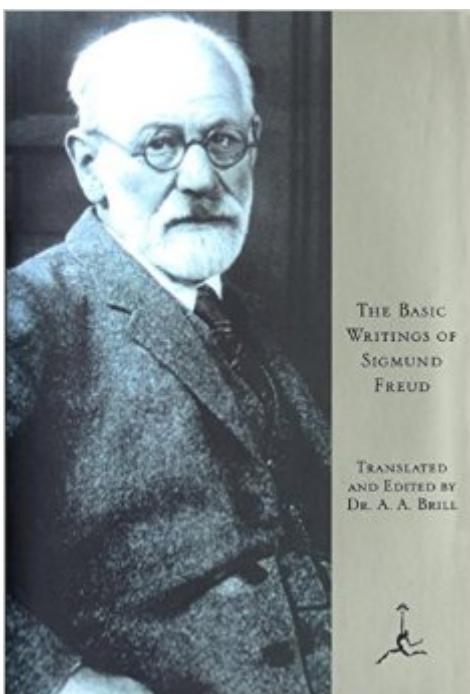


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# The Basic Writings Of Sigmund Freud (Psychopathology Of Everyday Life, The Interpretation Of Dreams, And Three Contributions To The Theory Of Sex)



## Synopsis

This classic edition of The Basic Writings of Sigmund Freud includes complete texts of six works that have profoundly influenced our understanding of human behavior. The Basic Writings of Sigmund Freud is presented here in the translation by Dr. A. A. Brill, who for almost forty years was the standard-bearer of Freudian theories in America.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent work for Freud enthusiasts. The work discusses the theoretical underpinnings for behavioral characteristics popularized by Freud. For instance, the proclivity to forget is related to a personal motivation to suppress unpleasant memories. Dreams tend to depict unfulfilled wishes. Pain and disgust are more frequent aspects of dreams than pure pleasure. The author explains how childhood experiences both good and bad may resurface in our dreams. Our memory can be challenged to recall things long dormant. Night hallucinations can be due to perceived rejected sexual impulses. Freud explains how seemingly contradictory thoughts can coexist side by side. The concept of psychological tension may be related to a displeasure or aversion. Freud discussed sexuality. For instance, he noted that bisexual tendencies could be interpreted within the context of a female brain in a male body. The book brings out many aspects of human behavior that we rarely dwell on consciously. It is perfect for a class project in science, psychology or medicine. Freud's theories tend to be very complex. This work reduces some of the deepest complexities to simple

English. Finally, the book helps us to understand the dynamics of why we behave as we do. This book explains important strategies to the classic flight/fight phenomena and accommodative strategies aimed at reducing behavioral tensions/conflicts.

The Brill translation of the basic early writings of Sigmund Freud, although arguably not the most accurate translation, provides a good introduction to Freud's early work. We can read the critics and followers, yet sometimes we just have to go back to Freud's actual work. I keep my copy handy for reference and review.

....of some of Freud's basic writings. Included here are writings from THE PSYCHOPATHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE, THREE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE THEORY OF SEX, WIT AND ITS RELATION TO THE UNCONSCIOUS, TOTEM AND TABOO, THE HISTORY OF THE PSYCHOANALYTIC MOVEMENT. Also included is a fine introduction by translator A. A. Brill, who explains that the selections are intended to give the reader a feel for Freud's thought, especially with regard to wit, dreams, and the unconscious.

Pretty new to psychology, and I was afraid Freud would be very literary and technical, but I was pleasantly surprised. He is a very good, fluid writer and keeps it in-depth, but simple enough to grasp. The "Dreams" section is by far my favorite.

This book is for Freudians only. It is interesting to see how Freud thought and how he approached psychological conditions. He dared to think differently. I have it handy in my bookshelf for quick reviews. Recommendable.

Whatever you think of Sigmund Freud, at least he was honest. As someone who hasn't had the best luck with therapists, I find it refreshing that Freud admitted that psychoanalysis, while a useful tool for probing the innermost recesses of the human psyche, is almost worthless as a form of therapy. Unlike later psychoanalysts, Freud never attempted to treat major personality disorders like schizophrenia. Keep in mind Freud lived in an age when there were no psychiatric drugs; today, psychiatrists do little more than write prescriptions while psychotherapy has been taken over by "counselors," many of them with master's degrees in social work. It is only natural that a pioneer in a new field would make mistakes: many of Freud's ideas are outmoded and some of them dangerous (i.e., his account of homosexuality, which fed the illusion that it can be "cured.") Still, Freud's impact

not only on psychology but on art, literature, philosophy, and even religion has been, for better or worse, incalculable. This volume contains translations by A.A. Brill of some of Freud's most seminal works, including "The Interpretation of Dreams," "Totem and Taboo," "The Psychopathology of Everyday Life," "Wit and Its Relation to the Unconscious" and "Three Contributions to the Theory of Sex." Also included is "A History of the Psychoanalytic Movement," which unfortunately is little more than a hatchet job written to settle the score with his heretical disciples, especially Carl Jung and Adolf Adler. Still worth reading today.

This book gave you a glimpse of the mind of Freud, contradictory, compelling, and a wonderful read. I would not hesitate to buy this.

The father of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud revolutionized the way in which patients were treated with psychological issues. In this book The Basic Writings of Sigmund Freud the ideas that were used for the basis of his thinking are spelled. The book is subdivided by a synopsis of the book's content and then chapter by chapter the books of Psychopathology of Everyday Life, the Interpretation of dreams, three contributions to the theory of sex, with and its relations to the unconscious, totem and taboo, and the history of the psychoanalytical movement. The book has a fascinating chapter on dreams and delving into their inner meanings. A good overview of the ideas from the father of psychiatry.

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