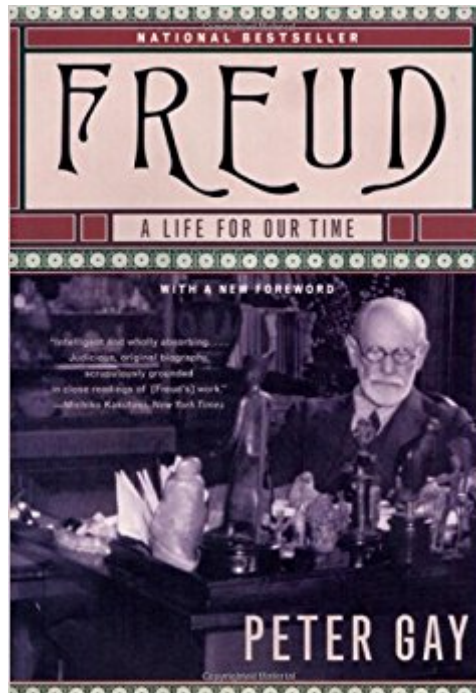




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# Freud: A Life For Our Time



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Peter Gay (1923–2015) was the author of more than twenty-five books, including the National Book Award winner *The Enlightenment*, the best-selling *Weimar Culture*, and the widely translated *Freud: A Life for Our Time*.

Everything you want to know about Sigmund Freud. A lot of time and research went into this project, in which the author should be applauded. Very well written, too. The author definitely has a nice vocab that comes alive on the page.

This is a remarkable biography of Freud, his faults, his genius, his search for a father substitute, his affair with his wife's sister, his break with Jung, etc. Totally engrossing. If you want to understand psychoanalysis in depth, this is the book.

Comprehensive biography that is also entertaining and lively, with fascinating glimpses of the private Freud. A real pleasure to read, with the work and life nicely connected to explain both. Finally, I have a good grasp of this previously elusive genius.

Wonderful book. This is a scholarly work, well researched and excellently written. Highly recommended.

A "must" read for anyone interested in the development of psychology and the contributions of the historical context of the Enlightenment. It is a seminal work for anyone studying Freud within his cultural and sociological framework. I know of no other work as comprehensive and accessible to the reader. Peter Gay has definitely given us his depth of research that will remain the standard for many generations to come.

Very good book with insightful details about Freud and his life. A little difficult to read though. Otherwise, I'm satisfied.

Anyone interested in going beyond the Jones biography -- this is the book for you.

Peter Gay's *Freud: A Life for our Time* is a piece of immense scholarship. At no point did I get the impression that I was reading shoddy writing, but rather Gay's erudition and craftsmanship are evident throughout the work. Be prepared to make a significant commitment in time, as Freud's life

receives a very thorough treatment in this 864 pg tome. The book is primarily biographical, focusing on many different aspects of Freud's life. You will get some exposure to psychoanalysis and Freud's other ideas, but this is not a piece of intellectual history. Anyone looking for such a treatment of Sigmund Freud's writings should look elsewhere. Still the book is masterful in what it sets out to accomplish, I would certainly consider reading some of Peter Gay's other works.

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