

**PSYCHO-ANALYSIS; A  
BRIEF ACCOUNT OF  
THE FREUDIAN THEORY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649109081

Psycho-analysis; a brief account of the Freudian theory by Barbara Low

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**BARBARA LOW**

**PSYCHO-ANALYSIS; A  
BRIEF ACCOUNT OF  
THE FREUDIAN THEORY**



# PSYCHO-ANALYSIS

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE  
FREUDIAN THEORY

BY

BARBARA LOW, B.A.

MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PSYCHO-ANALYTICAL SOCIETY  
FORMERLY TRAINING COLLEGE LECTURER

INTRODUCTION BY

ERNEST JONES, M.D., M.R.C.P. (LOND.)

PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH PSYCHO-ANALYTICAL SOCIETY  
EDITOR OF THE "INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MEDICAL PSYCHO-ANALYSIS"  
AUTHOR OF "PAPERS ON PSYCHO-ANALYSIS"



LONDON: GEORGE ALLEN & UNWIN LTD.  
RUSKIN HOUSE, 40 MUSEUM STREET, W.C. 1

M-B-F-113

47

B.1.1

1925/26

## PREFACE

IN addition to the deeper and more permanent sources of opposition to Psycho-Analysis, there have been two practical reasons why knowledge of it has spread slowly in England in particular. One of these has been the relative inaccessibility of the standard works on the subject, a difficulty which will soon be removed by the activity of the International Psycho-Analytical Press. The other has been the lack of any work giving a clear and simple account of the elements of the subject. This gap in the literature the present work is intended to fill. Miss Low is not the first to make the attempt, but she has the great advantage of having beforehand made an immediate study of the subject with the

## Psycho-Analysis

purpose of adequately qualifying herself for such a task.

Properly to appreciate Miss Low's success in accomplishing this task one should realize that it is one with peculiar difficulties. It is never an easy matter to present a complex science in outline, but with Psycho-Analysis several special circumstances make the task of simple and satisfactory exposition an almost insuperable one. To begin with, it is a new and growing science, and it is always found that the ease of popular presentation depends on the extent to which a given sphere of knowledge is relatively complete and finished. When fairly stable conclusions have been clearly defined from many angles it is possible to formulate them in simple language, even though the implications of them may be complex and elaborate enough. During the earlier stages of development, however, when the conclusions are more fluid and less sharply

## Preface

defined, it is very hard to reduce them to an easily intelligible form and to assimilate them to common knowledge, since the bearings of partial generalization are only evident to those who have already made some study of the subject. This is especially true when, as in the case of Psycho-Analysis, the conclusions reached are strange and startling; the more foreign they are to familiar knowledge, and the more repellent to preconceived opinions or prejudices, the harder it is to make them either acceptable or readily comprehensible.

That the deductions made from psycho-analytical investigations are both novel and not easily acceptable, Miss Low makes plain in her book, and she has not adopted the easier way of concealing these attributes of them. She has chosen the loftier aim of attempting to present all aspects of the psycho-analytical theory fairly and straight-



## Psycho-Analysis

forwardly, and yet to bring them within reach of those who have made no previous study of the subject. I can answer for it that she has performed the first part of this task successfully, and can only hope that her readers will find she has performed the second part with equal success.

ERNEST JONES.

*August 30, 1919.*

## FOREWORD

THE following brief outline of Psycho-Analysis is intended for those who are interested in this subject but cannot yet find time and opportunity to study at first hand the work of Freud and his followers, English and Continental.

Extreme condensation of a scientific theory both wide and deep is bound inevitably to create a certain disproportion and distortion of the facts involved. I am fully aware of this defect, but can only hope that the general presentation is approximately near the truth. If these pages can send readers later on to Freud himself, their purpose is fulfilled.

A word or two is necessary concerning the term "Psycho-Analysis." This is the name

## Psycho-Analysis

bestowed by Freud upon his own theory and practice: neither those workers who, starting from Freud's ideas as a basis of research, have since developed on different lines, nor those who have incorporated other theories with the Freudian Psychology, are entitled to make use of the term. By so doing they create confusion, and obscure Freud's theory. They would do well to follow the example of Doctor Jung, of Zürich, who has invented for his own body of thought a new name -- Analytical Psychology. The Freudian theory and technique, and these alone, constitute Psycho-Analysis.

B. L.

*August 1919.*