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## Autumn says

Unfortunately, I was unable to finish this book - too many deadlines, too many other books, and a library return date that demanded attention. However, I did get through about half of it, and what I read I enjoyed. Although I'm not particularly familiar with either Jung or Freud's work in psychoanalysis, I was interested in the men themselves. The letters between these two men are a delight to read. If nothing else, it was refreshing to see a written correspondence which is so uncommon in today's world with telephones and email. An added bonus is the introduction which discusses the history of the book and how it came to be.

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## Bryce Maxwell says

Offers a unique depth to their relationship...

it is a fun read for those with an analytical mind... those interested in Freud and Jung may also find this interesting.

not for general audience however, some psych classes may be a prerequisite.

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## R.K. Byers says

the words "sexual" and "hysteria" get used quite a bit here...

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## Alex says

Hard not to read this correspondence Freudianly....

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## Erik Graff says

Having read most of Jung and much of Freud, I snapped this up at the time of publication. As a work of editors, it is excellent, being complete at the time of its publication. As representative of the persons of Freud and Jung it was no more disappointing than expected. Even the greatest figures seem small in their personal affairs.

But, of course, it wasn't all personal and petty. After the first polite exploratory epistles were exchanged there was a substantial period of time when Freud and Jung wrote primarily about ideas, a period which moved into crisis when Jung, then working on his Symbols of Transformation, became insistent about some of his reservations concerning psychoanalysis and libido theory. Freud, at first paternal and forbearing, becomes increasingly irritated, Jung increasingly aggressive, and the correspondence degenerates into

something akin to a relationship counselor's casebook.

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## **Mounir says**

I really enjoyed reading this important book. Although the content of many letters is rather dry[ especially the discussions about editions of books and contributions to magazines and participation in conferences], the interesting thing to me was the unfolding of the relationship itself between the two great men. The repressed emotions, the exaggerated courtesies at the beginning of the correspondence, the complicated and tortuous expressions and sentences, the silly excuses, the slips of the pen, all these things show a lot about the deeper conflicts.

My impression about the two as shown in the letters : Freud appears to be more relaxed and authentic in what he expresses about himself, Jung appears more tense and artificial at times and was always stressing how busy he was to answer Freud's letters in time, etc.

The relation between the two from father-son or mentor-apprentice changes gradually in front of us as Jung acquires more experience and confidence, until he has the audacity to declare his own independent ideas and even to call on Freud to embrace them ! Freud has ironically called this "your declaration of independence" ! The funny thing I found in the letters is the two men's opinions about their close colleagues, especially about Stekel, Bleuler and Adler. It seems strange to me that after the very lengthy and tedious negotiations to convince both Jung and Freud's families to publish these letters and after Jung's initial reluctance to do that for fear of offending surviving persons mentioned in the letters or their families, that after all that the letters appear with all these negative and funny descriptions of eminent figures of twentieth century psychology. Finally, the letters are a reminder to us that persons who are geniuses in their own work or field are no less human than any one of us, that they have their prejudices, defects, jealousies and grudges, and that they can behave in a silly or childish or immature way at times.

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## **? ?????????? says**

The Freud\Jung letters is important book and witness history...But this book is devoted all people.

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