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"This excellent edition is certainly the most significant addition to the writing about Freud and psychoanalysis for some time. It is not only a compelling document of a very special father-daughter relationship and its ramifications, but also an essential contribution to the historical understanding of two of the most influential figures of the 20th century."

**Andreas Mayer, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris and author of *Sites of the Unconscious. Hypnosis and the Emergence of the Psychoanalytic Setting***

### About the Author

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) was the founder of psychoanalysis and one of the most important and influential thinkers of the last 100 years.

Anna Freud (1895-1982) was the sixth and final child of Sigmund Freud, and followed her father into the burgeoning profession of psychoanalysis, producing her own ground-breaking research.

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