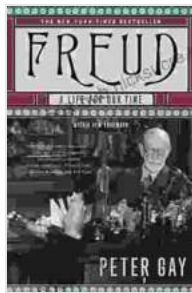


Sigmund Freud: A Life for Our Time

Sigmund Freud was an Austrian neurologist and the founder of psychoanalysis, a method for understanding the unconscious mind. He was born in 1856 in Freiberg, Moravia, now part of the Czech Republic. He studied medicine at the University of Vienna and graduated in 1881.



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Freud's early work focused on the treatment of hysteria. He developed a technique called free association, in which patients were encouraged to say whatever came to mind, without censorship. This technique allowed Freud to access the unconscious mind, which he believed was the source of psychological problems.

Freud also developed a theory of dream interpretation. He believed that dreams were the royal road to the unconscious mind. By analyzing dreams, Freud was able to uncover repressed memories and conflicts that were causing psychological problems.

Freud's work was controversial from the start. Many people were shocked by his theories about the unconscious mind and sexuality. However, Freud's work has had a profound impact on our understanding of the human mind. His ideas have been used to treat a wide range of psychological problems, from anxiety and depression to sexual dysfunction and addiction.

Freud's work is still relevant today. His insights into the human mind continue to help us understand ourselves and others. His legacy will continue to inspire and challenge us for generations to come.

Freud's Childhood and Education

Sigmund Freud was born on May 6, 1856, in Freiberg, Moravia, now part of the Czech Republic. His father, Jacob Freud, was a wool merchant. His mother, Amalia Nathanson Freud, was a young woman from a wealthy family. Freud was the first of eight children.

Freud's childhood was happy and secure. He was a bright and curious child, and he excelled in school. He attended the University of Vienna, where he studied medicine. He graduated in 1881.

Freud's Early Career

After graduating from medical school, Freud worked at the Vienna General Hospital. He was initially interested in neurology, but he soon became interested in the treatment of mental illness. In 1885, he traveled to Paris to study with Jean-Martin Charcot, a leading neurologist who was developing a new treatment for hysteria.

Charcot's work had a profound influence on Freud. He learned that hysteria was a mental illness, not a physical illness. He also learned that hypnosis could be used to access the unconscious mind.

Freud's Development of Psychoanalysis

In 1886, Freud returned to Vienna and began to develop his own method of treating mental illness. He called his method psychoanalysis.

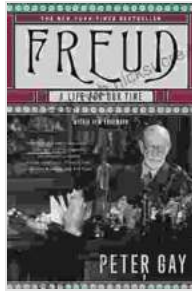
Psychoanalysis is based on the idea that the unconscious mind is the source of psychological problems. By accessing the unconscious mind, Freud was able to help his patients resolve their conflicts and improve their mental health.

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Freud's Later Years

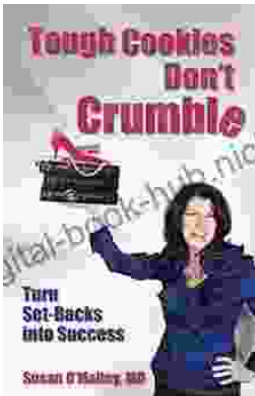
Freud continued to develop his theories of psychoanalysis throughout his life. He wrote a number of books and articles, including *The Interpretation of Dreams* (1900), *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality* (1905), and *Totem and Taboo* (1913).

In 1933, Freud left Vienna and moved to London to escape the Nazis. He died in London in



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