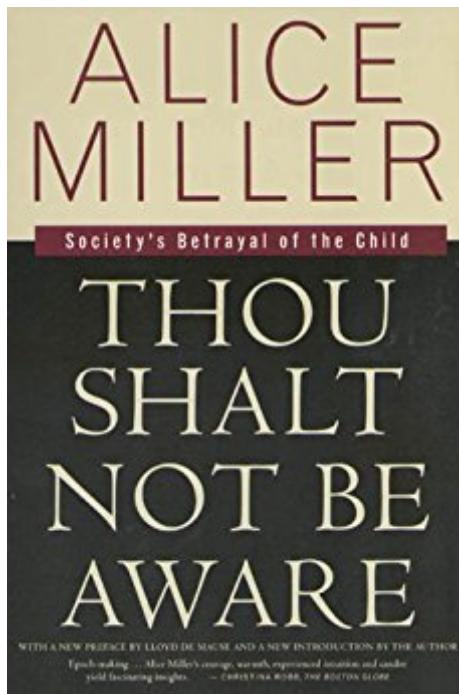


The book was found

Thou Shalt Not Be Aware: Society's Betrayal Of The Child



Synopsis

Originally published in 1984, *Thou Shalt Not Be Aware* explodes Freud's notions of "infantile sexuality" and helps to bring to the world's attention the brutal reality of child abuse, changing forever our thoughts of "traditional" methods of child-rearing. Dr. Miller exposes the harsh truths behind children's "fantasies" by examining case histories, works of literature, dreams, and the lives of such people as Franz Kafka, Virginia Woolf, Gustave Flaubert, and Samuel Beckett. Now with a new preface by Lloyd de Mause and a new introduction by the author, *Thou Shalt Not Be Aware* continues to bring an essential understanding to the confrontation and treatment of the devastating effects of child abuse.

Book Information

File Size: 879 KB

Print Length: 338 pages

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1 edition (October 15, 1998)

Publication Date: October 15, 1998

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B006U1C0VA

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #592,759 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #255 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Abuse #268 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Counseling & Psychology > Psychoanalysis #278 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Counseling & Psychology > Child Psychology > Psychology

Customer Reviews

Thou Shalt Not Be Aware is one of the finest theoretical books demonstrating how parents betray their children and how devastating this is for the child. Yet Alice Miller, wonderful writer that she is, cannot fully absorb the significance of her own message. This denial pervades her writing and weakens her book's impact. She spends over three hundred pages of *Thou Shalt Not Be Aware*

showing how parents damage their children, yet she refuses to hold parents accountable. (Page 58: "[People cannot] grasp that I blame neither children nor parents.") In effect, she, one of the 20th century's greatest trumpeters for the child's rights, herself creates a theory which abandons the full truth of the child. Shying away from the strength of her message, she compromises as best she can, turns vague, and blames society instead. Thus, the subtitle of the book: "Society's Betrayal Of The Child." It is not society that primarily betrays children. It really is parents. Yet Alice Miller, a parent of two children herself and a woman who never came close to processing her own unresolved grief from her own childhood - stemming from maltreatment by her own parents, not society - cannot accept that. It is too painful. Thus it comes as no great surprise that years after writing this book, when she herself entered deep therapy to resolve her childhood traumas once and for all, her true past horrors surfaced and she suffered a near-psychotic breakdown. A 1995 interview says it all: "At the end of these three weeks my feelings were in a turmoil, so that I could not find sleep, that for the first time in my life I thought of suicide, and had anxiety verging on the psychotic.

Alice Miller makes her perspective so clear and so unavoidable in this book that it is all but impossible not to feel your stomach go up in knots as you try to think about everyone's life that it explains--from best friends to her analysis of author Franz Kafka--but your own. Without hanging Freud in effigy or throwing the baby of his genius out with the bathwater of his philosophical and ethical judgement errors, Miller established her perspective and cry for new psychological techniques based in compassionate listening to others lives and childhoods (instead of forcing others lives into a preexisting paradigm) magnificently. The effect of her work begins with her establishment of Freud's drive theory--Oedipal complex, et. al.--as merely an artistic, pseudo-scientific extension of the very Judeo-Christian, Victorian Age system of morality that allowed for secret atrocities to be routinely committed on innocent children in the first place. Its existential inadequacy in charting the anatomy of the soul (which is what the word "psyche" means) comes up in virtually every psychoanalysed person and derivative doctrine and explains much if not most of the profound failures of the entire discipline in Western society this past century (and, definitively, people's lack of faith in it). It's as if Freud, like Shakespeare or Bach, created a new language with many of the materials of the popular one being used; only unlike Shakespeare or Bach then chose, because of the martyrdom that sticking to his real discoveries demanded of him, to basically backpeddle and translate all of the same antequated ideas he should have replaced into it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Thou Shalt Not Be Aware: Society's Betrayal of the Child Thou Shalt Not Speak My Language (Middle East Literature in Translation) "Oh! Hast Thou Forgotten": Michigan Cavalry in the Civil War: The Gettysburg Campaign Bill the Vampire, Scary Dead Things, The Mourning Woods, and Holier Than Thou: The Tome of Bill Series: Books 1-4 CMOS SRAM Circuit Design and Parametric Test in Nano-Scaled Technologies: Process-Aware SRAM Design and Test (Frontiers in Electronic Testing) The South Beach Diet Gluten Solution: The Delicious, Doctor-Designed, Gluten-Aware Plan for Losing Weight and Feeling Great--FAST! Variation-Aware Design of Custom Integrated Circuits: A Hands-on Field Guide The South Beach Diet Gluten Solution: The Delicious, Doctor-Designed, Gluten-Aware Plan for Losing Weight and Feeling Great--FAST! by Arthur Agatston (April 2 2013) Buddhism Plain and Simple: The Practice of Being Aware, Right Now, Every Day Wounds of the Father: A True Story of Child Abuse, Betrayal, and Redemption The Field Guide to Betrayal: A True Story of Child Abuse and Survival The Tiger's Child: The Story of a Gifted, Troubled Child and the Teacher Who Refused to Give Up On (One Child) Child Discipline Made Easy: Effective Strategies Proven to Change Your Child's Behavior While Maintaining A Healthy Relationship (Child discipline, toddler discipline, parenting) LEE CHILD: SERIES READING ORDER: MY READING CHECKLIST: JACK REACHER SERIES, JACK REACHER SHORT STORIES, HAROLD MIDDLETON SERIES, SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS BY LEE CHILD, LEE CHILD ANTHOLOGIES My Child Won't Sleep Through the Night: 5 No-Cry Solutions to Solve Your Child's Sleep Issues (Baby Sleep Solutions, Toddler Sleep Problems, Child Sleep Solutions, No-Cry Sleep Solution) Data Love: The Seduction and Betrayal of Digital Technologies The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid (Florida History and Culture) The Thirtymile Fire: A Chronicle of Bravery and Betrayal Living and Loving after Betrayal: How to Heal from Emotional Abuse, Deceit, Infidelity, and Chronic Resentment

[Dmca](#)