

Against Therapy



In this book the author suggests that the techniques and aims of psychotherapy are open to abuse. He regards it as self-evident that the therapist makes demands on the patient that cannot be fulfilled and that the financial exigencies of the relationship are open to corruption. Masson sets out to show that abuse of one form or another is built into the very fabric of psychotherapy, that it is the nature of therapy to distort another persons reality and that since it is the therapists task to change people, and that this can only be done according to the therapists own notions and prejudices, the psychological process is necessarily corrupt. The author delves into the practices of many well-known therapists. Beginning with cases from the 19th century when patients could be incarcerated while patently sane, he goes on to attack Jung as well as practitioners like Fritz Perls and Carl Rogers, attempting to demonstrate that whether the approach is confrontational or sympathetic, a benign despotism is not better than a malign one. Masson has also written *The Assault on Truth: Freuds Suppression of the Seduction Theory*, *The Oceanic Feeling: The Origins of Religious Sentiment in Ancient India*, *A Dark Science: Women, Sexuality and Psychiatry in the Nineteenth Century* and *The Complete Letters of Sigmund Freud to Wilhelm Fliess, 1887-1904*.

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Against Therapy, Massons critique has reached its fullest definition. Against Therapy contains, among other things, a distressing chapter. Now, in Against Therapy, Masson shows how from the beginning, psychotherapy has been designed to impose the therapists views on the patient, not to harmful psychotherapy, bad psychotherapy, against psychotherapy, arguments against psychotherapy.