

More Quotes About Miller's Works

QUOTES FROM REVIEWS/LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FOR PFM

“His book (*Passion for Murder*) puts Eric Miller in the midst of the battle to reevaluate Freud. . . couldn't be more timely. . . [His book] is concerned with Freud's life—the mystery surrounding his birth, the strange disappearance of a brother and nephew and the hinted secrets of his life as they surfaced in his writings. Miller's hunt through Freud's work and his search for missing documents reads like mystery fiction, which the reader must evaluate for himself.”

“WAS FREUD HOMICIDAL?”

**Review by Frances L. Bardacke,
Literary/Dramatic critic, *San Diego
Magazine***

An unnamed University of California at San Diego “a scholar, who as a college professor and Freud devotee, has written about and taught courses on Freud at a UCSD university. Because of her professional position, she requested anonymity in order to speak candidly about *Passion for Murder*.”

[The lady without the courage of her convictions nonetheless “makes her living teaching and writing about Freud”]

“I became ill reading this book. He has no substantial evidence. Miller's book is not only worthless but it's really dangerous. For example, Freud called himself a *conquistador* or an adventurer. He was talking about conquering knowledge and insight, about exploring unknown lands of the mind. But Miller turns around and quotes the dictionary, saying “A conquistador will slaughter others mercilessly to achieve his goals.” The reviewer continues in this vein.

The journalist, comments: "She [the professor] fulminates that the book 'has as many mistakes in logic and reasoning as there are words. Its readings are so outlandish as to be frightening when they are not laughable.'"

**FROM "THE INTERPRETATION OF
FREUD" by Jeannette DeWyze,
Reader, Vol. 13, No. 6, Feb. 16, 1984**

"But Eric Miller goes after Freud hatchet in hand, violating canons of logic, truth and research, claiming that Freud was a necrophiliac who killed one patient, murdered two people, was implicated in the deaths of four others plus countless numbers of morphine addicts, and threatened to kill Fliess. Miller exaggerates, quotes out of context, indulges in innuendo and unbounded speculation, quotes selectively, misinterprets what he quotes, makes words mean what they're not supposed to, begs the question, poisons the well and impugns the motives of those who disagree with him."

Los Angeles Times Book Review
by Thomas Robischon,
Philosophy teacher

Published Comment from "Letters To the Editor"
Los Angeles Times

"Thanks for calling my attention to the marvelous whodunit aspect of Eric Miller's critical biography "Passion for Murder: The Homicidal Deeds of Dr.

Sigmund Freud” (Book Review, March 18). I loved his 520 scholarly references documenting the charges explicitly, unraveling Freud’s own confessions and previous biographer’s irresponsible downplaying of his narrow escapes from jail for malpractices.”

Naomi Fulbright,
Editor, *Philosophical Works*
San Diego

“Already Ellenberger showed in an article (J. Hist. ? Sci 1970)—I can’t get it here—[i.e., Germany] that Freud’s case history of Anna O was a lie. But people don’t want to hear such stuff nor did Ellenberger come out and say so. Well, well you will say.. . . Please keep me supplied with such interesting writings [i.e., as Miller’s].”

**Dr. Otto M. Marx, Chair, History of
Medicine, Heidelberg University
(10/26/1990-92)**