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The Creative Unconscious Psychology Press

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through contemporary and historical accounts of profound creative breakthroughs, and finally they describe a surprisingly simple and reproducible sequence that has often triggered these insights for outstanding innovators in business, science, and the arts. These apparently special people became special by harnessing, sometimes quite accidentally, the awesome power of the unconscious in the service of higher creativity. Following their example and using historically validated procedures for reprogramming the unconscious, you can learn to capture the lightning for personal breakthrough in your own life.

*The Unconscious Roots of Creativity* On Creativity and the Unconscious

National Book Award Finalist: "This man's ideas may be the most influential, not to say controversial, of the second half of the twentieth century."—Columbus Dispatch At the heart of this classic, seminal book is Julian Jaynes's still-controversial thesis that human consciousness did not begin far back in animal evolution but instead is a learned process that came about only three thousand years ago and is still developing. The implications of this revolutionary scientific paradigm extend into virtually every aspect of our psychology, our history and culture, our religion—and indeed our future. "Don't be put off by the academic title of Julian Jaynes's *The Origin*

of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind. Its prose is always lucid and often lyrical...he unfolds his case with the utmost intellectual rigor."—The New York Times "When Julian Jaynes . . . speculates that until late in the twentieth millennium BC men had no consciousness but were automatically obeying the voices of the gods, we are astounded but compelled to follow this remarkable thesis."—John Updike, *The New Yorker* "He is as startling as Freud was in *The Interpretation of Dreams*, and Jaynes is equally as adept at forcing a new view of known human behavior."—*American Journal of Psychiatry*

*Your Secret Mind* Andrews UK Limited

The present volume is a translation of *Kunst und schöpferisches Unbewusstes*, which was published in 1954 by Rascher Verlag, Zurich, as the third of a series of volumes of collected essays by Erich Neumann ... To the three original essays a fourth has been added.

**The Act of Creation** Nmd Books

How is it possible to think new thoughts? What is creativity and can science explain it? And just how did Coleridge dream up the creatures of *The Ancient Mariner*? When *The Creative Mind: Myths and Mechanisms* was first published, Margaret A. Boden's bold and provocative exploration of

creativity broke new ground. Boden uses examples such as jazz improvisation, chess, story writing, physics, and the music of Mozart, together with computing models from the field of artificial intelligence to uncover the nature of human creativity in the arts. The second edition of *The Creative Mind* has been updated to include recent developments in artificial intelligence, with a new preface, introduction and conclusion by the author. It is an essential work for anyone interested in the creativity of the human mind.

*Higher Creativity* Routledge

Analyst and author Ann Belford Ulanov draws on her years of clinical work and reflection to make the point that madness and creativity share a kinship, an insight that shakes both analysts and analysts to the core, reminding us as it does that the suffering places of the human psyche are inextricably—and, often inexplicably—related to the fountains of creativity, service, and even genius. She poses disturbing questions: How do we depend on order, when chaos is a necessary part of existence? What are we to make of evil—both that surrounding us and that within us? Is there a myth of meaning that can contain all the differences that threaten to shatter us? Ulanov's insights unfold in conversation with themes in Jung's *Red Book* which, according to Jung, present the most important experiences of his life, themes he explicated in his subsequent theories. In words and paintings Jung displays his psychic encounters from 1913-1928, describing them as inner images that "burst forth from the unconscious and flooded me like an enigmatic stream and threatened to break me." Responding to some of Jung's more fantastic encounters as he illustrated them, Ulanov suggests that our problems and compulsions may show us the path our creativity should take. With Jung she asserts that the multiplicities within and around us are, paradoxically, pieces of a greater whole that can provide healing and unity as, in her words, "every part of us and of our world gets a seat at the table." Taken from Ulanov's addresses at the 2012 Fay Lectures in Analytical Psychology, *Madness and Creativity* stands as a carefully crafted presentation, with many clinical examples of human courage and fulfillment.

*The Optical Unconscious* Penguin

What is it like to be an artist? Drawing on interviews with professional artists, this book takes the reader inside the creative process. The author, an artist and a psychotherapist, uses psychoanalytic theory to shed light on fundamental questions such as the origin of new ideas and the artist's state of mind while working. Based on interviews with 33 professional artists, who reflect on their experiences of creating new works of art, as well as her own artistic practice, Patricia Townsend traces the trajectory of the creative process from the artist's first inkling or 'pre-sense', through to the completion of a work, and its release to the public. Drawing on psychoanalytic theory, particularly the work of Donald Winnicott, Marion Milner and Christopher Bollas, the book presents the artist's process as a series of interconnected and overlapping stages, in which there is a movement between the artist's inner world, the outer world of shared 'reality', and the spaces in-between. *Creative States of Mind: Psychoanalysis and the Artist's Process* fills an important gap in the psychoanalytic theory of art by offering an account of the full trajectory of the artist's process based on the evidence of artists themselves. It will be useful to artists who want to understand more about their own processes, to psychoanalysts and psychotherapists in their clinical work, and to anyone who studies the creative process.

*On Creativity and the Unconscious* Random House

Acting, Imaging, and the Unconscious is the fifth in a series of books written by Eric Morris on his unique system of acting. In this book the emphasis is on imaging as an acting tool to fulfill dramatic material. The work begins with an exploration of the various uses of imaging and goes on to delineate very specific techniques and approaches on how to image, when to image and why. Involved in this process are dreams and dreaming, as well as subpersonalities, which all serve to access and communicate with the unconscious, where ninety-five per cent of an actor's talent lives. Also explored is a process of programming the unconscious to liberate the images that lie at the core of an actor's experience and talent, thus releasing the exciting wellsprings of creativity in the roles an actor plays. With complete examples taken from classical and contemporary plays and films, this book enters territories that had never before been tread upon, thus taking the art of acting into a totally new dimension.

*Rethinking Creativity* Routledge

"First Published in 1999, Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company."

*Incubation in Problem Solving and Creativity* Prentice Hall

Can problems be solved by setting them aside or by sleeping on them? Incubation, the process of stopping conscious work on problems for a set period of time, is an integral part of the creative

problem solving process. Providing an overview of the main issues, findings and implications of cognitive research on incubation effects in problem solving and creativity, this book argues that incubation is an effective strategy for tackling problems that do not yield to initial solution attempts. Gilhooly reasons that unconscious work is automatic and explores the underlying processes involved in incubation, providing evidence to showcase the major role of unconscious processing in problem solving. *Incubation in Problem Solving and Creativity* concludes with a discussion of the implications of unconscious work theory for enhanced problem solving, positioning incubation as an effective and important stage in creative problem solving. This book is an invaluable resource for students and researchers of problem solving, creativity and thinking and reasoning as well as for students from all disciplines taking problem solving modules.

*Creativity and Consciousness* Rodopi

Learn how to supercharge your creative writing and infuse it with inspiring energy by tapping the unlimited source of new ideas that sleeps beneath the surface of your awareness. By using the power of the creative unconscious, writers can learn to innovate and imagine to heights never before achieved and to experience the profound ecstasy of creation. This book teaches proven and effective techniques for exploring the inner world of your divine creativity by delving deep into your psyche to mine the gold within you. It examines effective techniques writers have used for decades to tap into this mysterious creative power - with real world examples and advice from successful modern day writers such as Isaac Asimov, Stephen King and Ray Bradbury. It also reveals the secrets discovered by the literary masters: Edgar Allan Poe, Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner and Mary Shelley to create great works of timeless beauty by accessing the power of their subconscious minds. Learn to avoid common mistakes when attempting to access deeper levels of awareness. Discover tips and tricks on how to get your own ideas out of your head and onto the paper even when you feel blocked or discouraged. This book helps both aspiring and professional writers to become more prolific and productive by showing how to tap the creative power of the subconscious mind. This resourceful writer's tool is a valuable asset to any reference library. It has been called "The Swiss Army Knife of the Creative Unconscious." by *Publisher's Weekly*. "Well written and organized - A Swiss Army Knife of the creative unconscious." - *Publisher's Weekly* "A concise resource tool for writers in navigating the shadow world the subconscious" - *The New York Times* "A very helpful book in accessing the depths of creativity that lie hidden beneath the surface." - *Writer's Digest*

*Dancing with the Unconscious* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Many are fascinated by the phenomenon of genius and search for an understanding of its nature. Modern research is not especially helpful in elucidating the inner process or its relation to ordinary thought. The present work comes from clinical studies of focal brain injuries that dissect unconscious cognition to reveal sub-surface lines of processing. The outcome is a process (microgenetic) theory of the mental state that differs markedly from mainstream (cognitive) psychology, but with the potential to clarify many features of thought and imagery, normal and exceptional. Creativity is not an isolated problem but touches many central issues in philosophical psychology.

**Jung on Art** Psychology Press

A brilliant book by Nobel Prize winner Eric R. Kandel, *The Age of Insight* takes us to Vienna 1900, where leaders in science, medicine, and art began a revolution that changed forever how we think about the human mind—our conscious and unconscious thoughts and emotions—and how mind and brain relate to art. At the turn of the century, Vienna was the cultural capital of Europe. Artists and scientists met in glittering salons, where they freely exchanged ideas that led to revolutionary breakthroughs in psychology, brain science, literature, and art. Kandel takes us into the world of Vienna to trace, in rich and rewarding detail, the ideas and advances made then, and their enduring influence today. The Vienna School of Medicine led the way with its realization that truth lies hidden beneath the surface. That principle infused Viennese culture and strongly influenced the other pioneers of Vienna 1900. Sigmund Freud shocked the world with his insights into how our everyday unconscious aggressive and erotic desires are repressed and disguised in symbols, dreams, and behavior. Arthur Schnitzler revealed women's unconscious sexuality in his novels through his innovative use of the interior monologue. Gustav Klimt, Oscar Kokoschka, and Egon Schiele created startlingly evocative and honest portraits that expressed unconscious lust, desire, anxiety, and the fear of death. Kandel tells the story of how these pioneers—Freud, Schnitzler, Klimt, Kokoschka, and Schiele—inspired by the Vienna School of Medicine, in turn influenced the founders of the Vienna School of Art History to ask pivotal questions such as What does the viewer

bring to a work of art? How does the beholder respond to it? These questions prompted new and ongoing discoveries in psychology and brain biology, leading to revelations about how we see and perceive, how we think and feel, and how we respond to and create works of art. Kandel, one of the leading scientific thinkers of our time, places these five innovators in the context of today's cutting-edge science and gives us a new understanding of the modernist art of Klimt, Kokoschka, and Schiele, as well as the school of thought of Freud and Schnitzler. *Reinvigorating the intellectual enquiry that began in Vienna 1900, The Age of Insight* is a wonderfully written, superbly researched, and beautifully illustrated book that also provides a foundation for future work in neuroscience and the humanities. It is an extraordinary book from an international leader in neuroscience and intellectual history.

*Unfolding the Unconscious Psyche* Routledge

*On Creativity and the Unconscious* brings together Freud's important essays on the many expressions of creativity—including art, literature, love, dreams, and spirituality. This diverse collection includes "The 'Uncanny,'" "The Moses of Michelangelo," "The Psychology of Love," "The Relation of the Poet to Day-Dreaming," "On War and Death," and "Dreams and Telepathy." W. W. Norton & Company

In writing and lecturing over the past two decades on the relationship between psychoanalysis and art, Danielle Knafo has demonstrated the many ways in which these two disciplines inform and illuminate each other. This book continues that discussion, emphasizing how the creative process in psychoanalysis and art utilizes the unconscious in a quest for transformation and healing. Part one of the book presents case studies to show how free association, transference, dream work, regression, altered states of consciousness, trauma, and solitude function as creative tools for analyst, patient, and artist. Knafo uses the metaphor of dance to describe therapeutic action, the back-and-forth movement between therapist and patient, past and present, containment and release, and conscious and unconscious thought. The analytic couple is both artist and medium, and the dance they do together is a dynamic representation of the boundless creativity of the unconscious mind. Part two of the book offers in-depth studies of several artists to illustrate how they employ various media for self-expression and self-creation. Knafo shows how artists, though mostly creating in solitude, are frequently engaged in significant relational processes that attempt rapprochement with internalized objects and repair of psychic injury. Dancing with the Unconscious expands the theoretical dimension of psychoanalysis while offering the clinician ways to realize greater creativity in work with patients.

**Madness and Creativity** Kessinger Publishing

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**The Creative Mind** SCB Distributors

The author has evolved an altogether new psychology of the artist and the art-work which accounts particularly for the development, significance, possibilities and limitations of modern abstract art.

**Art and the Creative Unconscious** SUNY Press

From whence spring the sparks of creativity? It is to this very question that the field of depth psychology—especially that of C.G. Jung and his intellectual descendants—has much to contribute. Just as the Muses were the offspring of Mnemosyne, the goddess of memory, our memories are the ancestors of our creativity that finds its multifaceted expression in the written word, image, theater, dance, and music. The Unconscious Roots of Creativity seeks to push the investigation into that domain of memory that is beyond our conscious reach. With articles from 16 contributors, the “red thread” running through each of the offerings in this volume is that, whatever its ultimate expression, the creative impulse has its roots deep in the psyche. Edited By Kathryn Madden with

articles by Linda Carter, Anna Maria Costantino, Carol Thayer Cox, Leonard Cruz, Lisa Raye Garlock, James Hollis, Naomi Ruth Lowinsky, Ian Livingston, Kathryn Madden, Jordan S. Potash, Susan Rowland, Murray Stein, Ann Ulanov, Tjeu van den Berk, Robin van Loben Sels, and Heidi S. Volf.

*The Age of Insight* Routledge

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*The Age of Insight* Harper Collins

This book introduces the reader and student to the unconscious mind, the hidden treasures and dangers it holds. It contains some very basic, useful, and empirically supported facts from depth psychology, which allows everyone access to deeply hidden aspects of themselves.

**Perspectives on Creativity and the Unconscious** Cambridge University Press

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