

Non-Compliance in WINNICOTT'S WORDS

A Companion to the Work of D. W. Winnicott

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If you want to find out when, where and/or how frequently Winnicott wrote about a particular concept this text will prove of great value. Alexander Newman, the founding editor of *Winnicott Studies* and of *the Squiggle Foundation*, has edited, organized and summarized the symposia of the Squiggle Foundation listing, alphabetically, most of the major themes D.W developed. The references at the end of each topic are clear and helpful, listing in detail where in Winnicott's works one can find specific reference. Newman's citations of secondary sources, i.e., Andre Green, M. Khan, L. Trilling et al., used to exemplify Winnicott's ideas, are focused and helpful. There is a comprehensive list of Winnicott's publications, a short descriptive outline of the major events in his life, and a current bibliography, almost exclusively British publications, of Winnicott-related articles and books. Finally, Newman's placing of D.W.'s thought within the context of the work of his contemporaries, e.g., Melanie Klein and Anna Freud, by means

of personal letters and pertinent references, is well done, historically informative, and clinically useful.

But the strength of the book is marred by serious shortcomings. Winnicott, as is well known, was a masterfully poetic writer. Too frequently Newman presents Winnicott as if he were an unknown author; and he further confuses the reader by introducing his own case histories and explanations into the text. This format is not only distracting but confusing. Is the text Newman's reading of Winnicott, or is Winnicott used, rather extensively, as a backdrop for Newman? *A Companion to the Work of D.W. Winnicott* does not help clarify this. Although the book jacket warns that *the text is neither a textbook nor ... a dictionary* and can consequently *be used as both*, its function as an excellent reference dictionary is overshadowed by Newman's presence. I was also perplexed by the fact that although the editors at New York University Press know that Winnicott is a major influence, particularly in America, there is hardly any reference to the numerous articles and books, by American authors, on Winnicott. What could account for such a remarkable oversight? It would have enriched the text to include such authors as A. Model, P. Giovachini, etc. Is the text solely Newman's organized transcript of the Squiggle Foundation symposia discussions, with references addressed only to a British audience?

Finally, the colloquial tone of some of the writing is unexplainable in a text intended to explicate and categorize Winnicott's concepts. Note, for example Newman's aside: (*Can you tell, by being with a person whether they are the outcome of good fucking and being enjoyed, or not?* pg.35.)

I've always thought Winnicott meant a little bit more than this when he spoke of good enough parenting. Or, *This 'ego-relatedness' (a term I do not at all like - but what else?)*...pg. 331. Does Newman expect the reader to value his opinions with such breezy commentary? It would be helpful to know why he feels *ego-relatedness* is a problem in the absence of that is breezy.

Winnicott, like a good transitional object, is open to many uses—some of the uses Newman employs in this text are particularly helpful; but the work is marred by the above mentioned shortcomings.

Non-Compliance in Winnicott's Words book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. Donald Woods Winnicott started his career as a pediatrician. This companion to Winnicott provides a glossary of terms commonly referred to in Winnicott's writings in alphabetical order for the reader's convenience, making it a valuable reference and teaching tool. Offering a stunning opportunity to travel into worlds of great imaginative interest, Non-Compliance in Winnicott's Words is sure to be of interest to those studying early emotional development and the world of D.W. Winnicott. ...more. Get A Copy. Amazon. Donald Woods Winnicott FRCP (7 April 1896 – 25 January 1971) was an English paediatrician and psychoanalyst who was especially influential in the field of object relations theory and developmental psychology. He was a leading member of the British Independent Group of the British Psychoanalytical Society, President of the British Psychoanalytical Society twice (1956–1959 and 1965–1968), and a close associate of Marion Milner. D. W. Winnicott's perspective of human development highlights the quality of an individual's relationships and how the caregiver influences development. This perspective is part of the rich and diverse field of object relations that "explores the process whereby people come to experience themselves as separate and independent from others, while at the same time needing profound attachment to others". Placement on this continuum is determined through the evaluation of the relative strengths and vulnerabilities of a series of interrelated capacities. Winnicottian Capacities. Winnicott emphasized capacities, rather than stages, to describe phenomena belonging to the first three years of life. Non-compliance in Winnicott's Words. Author: Newman, Alexander. Language: This book should contain text in ENG. Its main purpose is to allow the reader to enjoy in the fullest sense studying Winnicott's texts. The book is aimed at anyone, or any group who needs an aide memoire for work: a psychotherapist's and a counsellor's handbook. Product Identifiers.