



**Philip Roth - The Continuing Presence:
New Essays on Psychological
Themes**
By Jane Statlander-Slote

Edited by Roth scholar, Jane Statlander-Slote, this volume is a ground-breaking collection of new, psychoanalytically-themed essays and interviews from some of the most renown Roth scholars. This volume breaks the taboo of writing about the perennial Freudian elements in Philip Roth's writing and personal life.

The collection of psychoanalytically-oriented essays found in *Philip Roth – The Continuing Presence: New Essays on Psychological Themes* exposes a conspiracy of silence on the part of Philip Roth and his critics. Themes like incest and oedipal rivalry that are pervasive in Roth's work have been widely ignored, and so too have been the personality issues that so brilliantly fuel his writings. Furthermore, both Roth and his readers have been disingenuous in asserting that he is a candid, "truthful" and honest, confessional author.

Under the thin disguise of describing a Southern playwright, Roth's psychoanalyst, Hans Kleinnschmidt, in the American Psychoanalytical journal, *Imago*, revealed Roth's emotional dysfunctions; but Roth himself employs psychoanalytic language, rhetoric, themes, and style and throughout his work pays homage to psychoanalysis. Yet Roth's own psychoanalytic issues, and those of the characters he creates, have not yet been explored by literary critics. The present collection seeks to bring these themes into the prominence they deserve.

Statlander-Slote—like Roth, a former resident of Newark and Weequahic High School graduate—showcases this ground-breaking collection's psychoanalytical and biographical themes, which have never before been developed in an edited collection.

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