

size distinctions between Soviet and Chinese Communism. To be sure, differences exist, but Wren reveals a common political culture of repression, cynicism, and corruption sustained by the "power of hope and hate." Wren's failure to emphasize the innovative character of Gorbachev's regime is either disappointing or predictable, depending on one's viewpoint, but his fine writing and array of subjects—from Russia's underground to the "new vitality" of Chinese Islam—offer enduring images. Recommended for subject collections.—*Zachary T. Irwin, Pennsylvania State Univ., Erie*

Psychology

Friedman, Lawrence J. **Menninger: The Family and the Clinic.**

Knopf. Jun. 1990. c.528p. photogs. index. LC 89-15498. ISBN 0-394-53569-3. \$29.95. PSYCH
Friedman (history, Bowling Green State Univ.) offers a detailed and very candid study of the Menninger Clinic and its founding family, both major influences on American psychiatry during the past 50 years. Relying on abundant documentation, Friedman provides surprising insights into several of the more charismatic family members and is especially informative about institutional governance and treatment issues and foundation politics. This is an authoritative history of growth and creativity in a major psychiatric treatment center and the intriguing intrafamilial conflicts and issues behind the scenes. It is important for students of organizational behavior and leadership in mental health settings. The Menninger Clinic's national renown should make it of interest to larger general collections as well.—*William Abrams, Portland State Univ. Lib., Ore.*

Gay, Peter. **Reading Freud: Explorations and Entertainments.**

Yale Univ. Pr. 1990. c.240p. permanent paper. bibliog. index. ISBN 0-300-04681-2. \$24.95. PSYCH
Esteemed Freudian scholar and writer Gay assembles eight essays (some never before published) that attempt to plumb the depths of Freud's personal life. Discussions include Freud's preoccupation with whether the Earl of Oxford wrote Shakespeare's plays; an exploration of the names of Freud's six children and what they reveal about his relationship with his own father; Freud's favorite jokes and how they underscore both the anti-Semitic climate and Freud's belief that humor is basically an act of aggression; and a review of the correspondence between Freud and his sister-in-law, who some claim to have been his mistress. The most entertaining essay, by far, is Gay's hilarious review of Freud's *Interpretation of Dreams*, "discovered" in a 19th-century medical journal. Heavily documented and geared for a professional or academic audience, this mix of frivolity

and factual analysis will be enjoyed by Freudian buffs.—*Janice Arenofsky, formerly with Arizona State Lib., Phoenix*

Jones, E.P. **Where Is Home?: Living Through Foster Care.**

Four Walls Eight Windows. Jun. 1990. c.180p. ISBN 0-94142334-4. \$17.95. PSYCH
When four-year-old Pam's alcoholic mother deserted her family, Pam's father remarried, his new wife refused to take her, and Pam began a 13-year nightmare through New York's foster home and mental hospital systems. A survivor, the author now has a young son and has written this incredible tale of her experiences. Unfortunately, it lacks the vivid detail needed to move most readers. Moreover, her case records, quoted throughout, repeatedly describe her as "manipulative," and one cannot help feeling manipulated by Pam's naturally one-sided account and suspecting that the whole of this distressing story has not been given.—*Marcia G. Fuchs, Guilford Free Lib., Ct.*

Pietropinto, Anthony & Jacqueline Simenauer. **Not Tonight, Dear: How To Reawaken Your Sexual Desire.**

Doubleday. Jul. 1990. c.336p. ISBN 0-385-23775-8. \$18.95. PSYCH
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Social Science

Critchfield, Richard. **An American Looks at Britain.**

Doubleday. Jun. 1990. c.512p. index. ISBN 0-385-24456-8. \$21.95. soc sci
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