

Pessoa and Psychoanalysis

Fernando Pessoa (1888-1935)

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Basic Bibliography:

Simões, João Gaspar. *Vida e obra de Fernando Pessoa: História de uma Geração*. Lisboa: Betrand, 1954. First biography, attempts to 'psychoanalyze' Pessoa, heavily criticized by subsequent scholars for reductionism, and revised subsequently through 3 more editions.

Bréchon, Robert. *Fernando Pessoa. Le voyageur immobile*. [?]: Éditions Aden, 2002. Second biography of Pessoa by author.

Lourenço, Eduardo. *Fernando Pessoa, roi de notre Bavière*. Paris: Séguier, 1988. One of many studies of Pessoa by a Portuguese essayist.

Sadlier, Darlene. *An Introduction to Fernando Pessoa: Modernism and the Paradoxes of Authorship*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1998. Very readable and concise introduction to Pessoa and the only book available in English.

Gil, José. *Fernando Pessoa ou la métaphisique des sensations*. Paris: La Différence, 1988. One of several studies of Pessoa by renowned Portuguese philosopher.

Malpique, Celeste. *Fernando em Pessoa. Ensaios de releção psicanalítica*. Lisboa: Fenda, 2007. Second of only two books addressing Pessoa and Psychoanalysis directly. Includes two older essays on Pessoa by psychoanalysts as well as four essays by author, one on Pessoa's life, the other three more focused on Pessoa's texts but ignores most of Pessoa scholarship.

Martinho, José. *Pessoa e a Psicanálise*. Coimbra: Almedina, 2001. Very concise book by actual president of the Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society that usefully identifies a number of possible areas for research as its small chapters mention important issues even if they do not develop them.

Perrone-Moisés, Leyla. "Notas para uma leitura lacaniana do vácuo-pessoa". *Actas do I Congresso Internacional de Estudos Pessoaanos (porto, 1978)*. Porto: Centro de estudos Pessoaanos and Brasília Editora, 1979. 459-472. Very readable and direct essay that provides an excellent overview for the possibilities opened by referring to Lacanian theory.

Siqueira, Paulo. "Un hétéronyme-partenaire de Pessoa: Bernardo Soares". *Ornicar?* <http://www.lacanian.net/http://www.lacanian.net/Ornicar%20online/Archive%20OD/ornicar/articles/sqr0097.htm>. Accessed: 13-07-2007. Short article by researcher who, according to Martinho, is currently developing a lacanian view of Pessoa.

Pizarro, Jerónimo. *Fernando Pessoa: Entre Génio e Loucura*. Lisboa: Imprensa Nacional – Casa da Moeda, 2007. Announced but at moment not yet available book described as “intellectual biography” by researcher who has brought out most complete collection of texts on subject of madness and genius by Pessoa in 2006.

Pessoa, Fernando. *The Book of Disquiet*. Transl. Richard Zenith. London: Penguin, 2002. Most reliable translation of *Livro do Desassossego* up to now based on one of the Portuguese editions brought out by Richard Zenith who has by now already brought out one new and different edition and has announced yet another one for 2007.

Links:

Review by G. Steiner of Zenith’s translation of *The Book of Disquiet*:
<http://books.guardian.co.uk/critics/reviews/0,5917,500414,00.html>

Poetry International site on Pessoa:
http://portugal.poetryinternationalweb.org/piw/cms/cms/cms_module/index.php?obj_id=7051

Portal Pessoa: http://www.portalpessoa.org/uk_index.html

Casa Fernando Pessoa: A cultural association dedicated to developing research on Pessoa and other related cultural activities:
www.casafernandopessoa.com/

A chronology of Pessoa (in German):
<http://www.gabi-buchner.de/pessoa/station.htm>