

# KAREN HORNEY

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1885-1952



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## INTRODUCTION

Biography

Beginnings of Her  
Career

Major Works

- Neurotic Needs
- Neo-Freudianism
- Feminine Psychology
- Self Theory

# EARLY LIFE

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Born Karen Danielson  
on September 16th,  
1885

Born near Hamburg,  
Germany

Religious father and  
free-spirited mother

- Led to troubles in early life



# TROUBLES IN EARLY LIFE

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## Felt neglected by her father

- Became much more attached to her mother

## Battled depression since the age of 9

- Stemmed from rejection from her brother
- Rejection due to crush she had on him

## Shifted her focus towards education

- Early Age
- Due to insecurities of her appearance

# COLLEGE YEARS

Attended the University of Freiburg

- Had to justify to her parents
- Women's rights in education limited

1906

Earned her medical degree from the University of Berlin in 1913

1913

1908

Transferred to University of Göttingen

- Her husband also transferred

# YOUNG ADULTHOOD: 1910-1916

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Married Oskar Horney third year of college

- Gave birth to first child in 1910

Horney's mother died one year after

Gave birth to two more daughters

- 1913
- 1916

Relied on Freudian analysis during these difficult times



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## MARITAL PROBLEMS

Oskar's business was shut down (1923)

- Her brother died the same

Contributed to Depression and Suicidal thoughts

Moved out of Oskar's home in 1926

- Moved to US in 1930

# BEGINNINGS IN HER CAREER

## Institute of Psychoanalysis in Berlin (1920)

- Worked under Karl Abraham
- Regarded as his most gifted analysts

## Chicago Institute of Psychoanalysis

- Associate Director
- Held position for a mere two years



# FEMININE PSYCHOLOGY

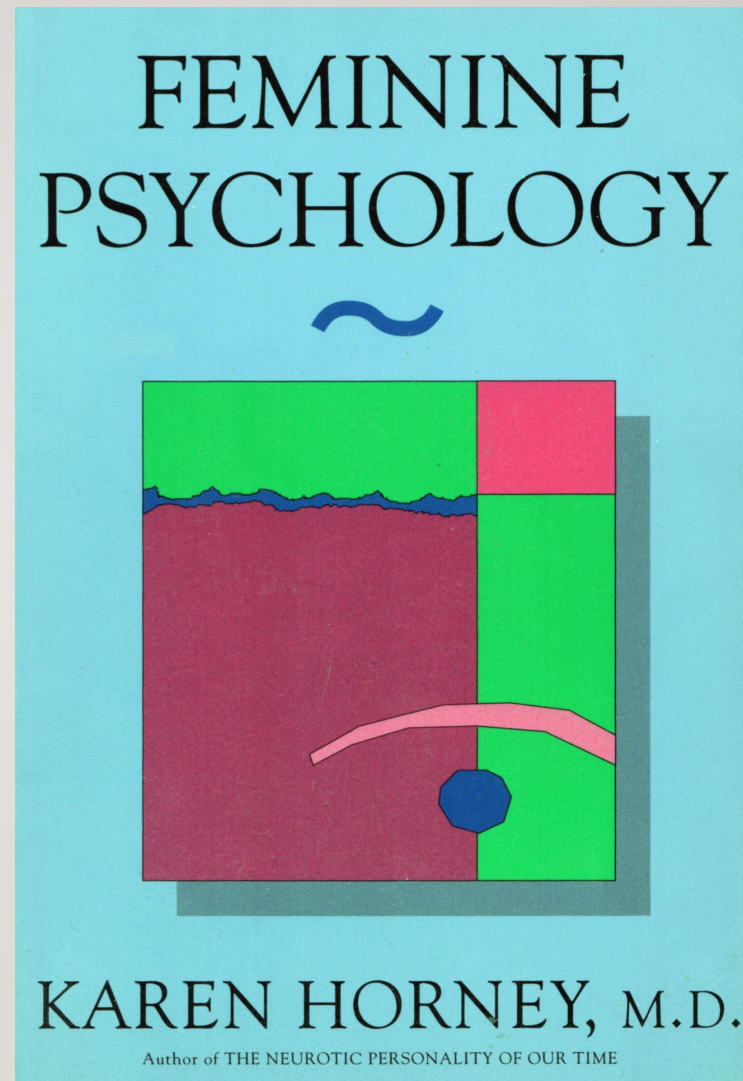
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“Feminine Psychology” written between 1922 and 1937

- 14 papers regarding female psychology
- Regarded by many as her best work

Composed a “self-help” book

- Stressed Self-Awareness



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# THEORY OF NEUROTIC NEEDS

Still Considered  
Best Theory Used  
Today

Three Broad  
Coping Strategies:

- Compliance
- Aggression
- Withdrawal

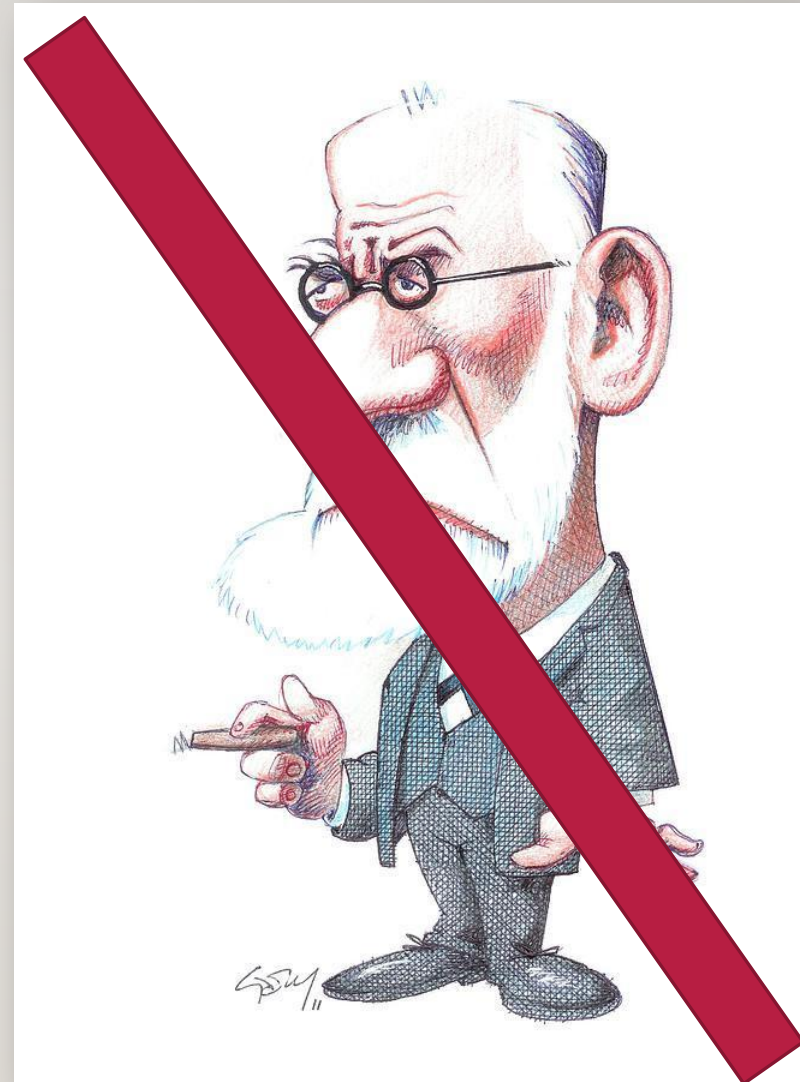
# NEO-FREUDIANISM

## Horney Challenged Many of Freud's Views

- Penis Envy actually envy of male's power
- Men experience "womb envy"

## Desexualized Oedipus Complex

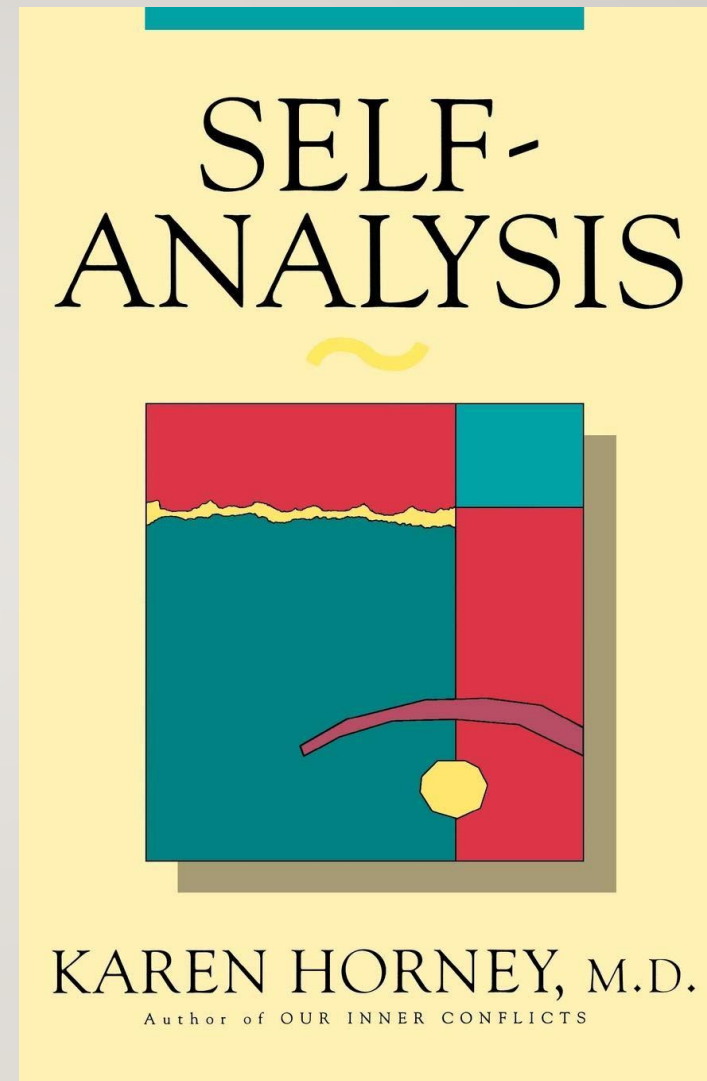
- Clinging of one parent due to poor parent-child relationship



# SELF-ANALYSIS

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- Horney founded the Association for the Development of Psychoanalysis
- Karen Horney became the founder and chief editor of The American Journal of Psychoanalysis.
- In 1942, Karen wrote the book «Self-Analysis»





## LAST YEARS OF LIFE

- Until the end of her life, Horney was active
- In November 1952 an exacerbation of a late-diagnosed cancer occurred. December 4, 1952 Karen Horney died.
- As a professional, she devoted all her strength to the development of psychoanalysis, writing books and articles, and working with patients



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