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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. French psychoanalyst Lacan (1901–1981) is perhaps best known for claiming that the unconscious is like a language that needs to be interpreted, rather than a storage space for repressed feelings. His writings, which borrow from such diverse fields as linguistics, philosophy, mathematics and religion, have had a profound impact on literary and cultural criticism as well as psychoanalysis. While the English-speaking world has enjoyed James Strachey's *Standard Edition* of Freud's complete works since 1967, there is no comparable standard English translation for Lacan's oeuvre. There have been at least six different translations of his writings into English, and some of the early translations are notoriously unreliable. Fink, a practicing psychoanalyst and professor at Duquesne University, has produced the first complete English translation of *Écrits*. This opus, first published by Éditions du Seuil in 1966, includes Lacan's most influential texts and is one of the most widely read works of 20th-century critical thought. The collection spans 30 years of Lacan's career and contains 35 texts, from "Beyond the 'Reality Principle'" (1936) and "The Mirror Stage" (1937) to "Science and Truth" (1966). Most of the texts date from the 1950s and 1960s—a crucial turning point in Lacan's development: it was then that he shifted his focus from the operations of language and the imaginary and symbolic orders to the concepts of the real, fantasy and the *objet petit a*. Fink's precise new translation makes this pivotal period in Lacan's thought more accessible to English speakers. (Dec.)

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Review

"Lacan's style is - notoriously - as complicated as his ideas. But Fink's translation helps to make 'the mirror stage', 'transference' and 'psychical causality' understandable, if not readily approachable. It is worth the effort: both yours and that put in by the translator and publisher." Margaret Reynolds, The Times"

About the Author

The psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan (1901-1981) was one of the twentieth century's most influential thinkers. His many published works include *Ecrits* and *The Seminars*.

Bruce Fink, PhD, is a practicing Lacanian psychoanalyst and analytic supervisor who trained in France with the psychoanalytic institute Jacques Lacan created shortly before his death, the Ecole de la Cause freudienne in Paris. He has translated several of Lacan's works into English?including *Ecrits: The First Complete Edition in English*, *Seminar XX: Encore*, and *Seminar VIII, Transference?*and is the author of numerous books on Lacan, including *The Lacanian Subject*, *A Clinical Introduction to Lacanian Psychoanalysis*, *Lacan to the Letter*, *Fundamentals of Psychoanalytic Technique*, *Against Understanding* (2 volumes), and most recently *Lacan on Love*. A board member of the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center, he has also penned several mysteries involving a character loosely based on Jacques Lacan: *The Psychoanalytic Adventures of Inspector Canal*, *Death by Analysis*, *Odor di Murderer/Scent of a Killer*, and *The Purloined Love*.

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