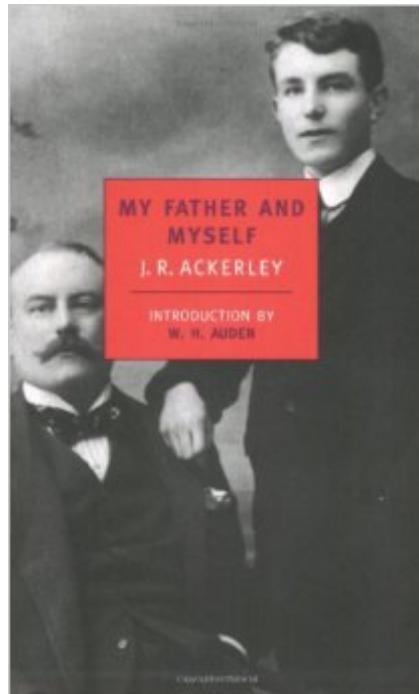


The book was found

My Father And Myself (Nyrb Classics S)



Synopsis

When his father died, J. R. Ackerley was shocked to discover that he had led a secret life. And after Ackerley himself died, he left a surprise of his ownâ "this coolly considered, unsparingly honest account of his quest to find out the whole truth about the man who had always eluded him in life. But Ackerley's pursuit of his father is also an exploration of the self, making *My Father and Myself* a pioneering record, at once sexually explicit and emotionally charged, of life as a gay man. This witty, sorrowful, and beautiful book is a classic of twentieth-century memoir.

Book Information

Series: Nyrb Classics S

Paperback: 283 pages

Publisher: NYRB Classics (September 30, 1999)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0940322129

ISBN-13: 978-0940322127

Product Dimensions: 5 x 0.7 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (21 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #602,667 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #50 inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Specific Groups > LGBT > Gay #3759 inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Arts & Literature > Authors #17280 inÂ Books > Gay & Lesbian

Customer Reviews

My Father and Myself is a memoir published posthumously. In its pages Ackerley outlines his suspicions about his fatherâ "s life before marrying his mother. He begins by examining some photographs that document his fatherâ "s friendship with a number of other handsome young men back at the turn of the twentieth century. As one who embraces his homosexuality (with hundreds of partners over several decades), Ackerley sets about to see if he can discover if his father wasnâ "t also gay. What makes him suspect? Well, for one, unlike many British men, his father seems not to possess the usual homophobia but rather indicates to Ackerley that he has the freedom to pursue whatever life he wishes. And Ackerley feels compelled to take his fatherâ "s advice:â œl was now on the sexual map and proud of my place on it. I did not care for the word â "homosexualâ " or any label, but I stood among the men, not among the women. Girls I despised; vain, silly creatures, how could their smooth soft, bulbous bodies compare in attraction with the muscular beauty of men?

Their place was the harem, from which they should never have been released; true love, equal and understanding love, occurred only between men. I saw myself therefore in the tradition of the Classic Greeks, surrounded and supported by all the famous homosexuals of historyâ "one soon sorted them outâ "and in time I became something of a publicist for the rights of that love that dare not speak its nameâ • (154-5).His understanding of his condition seems to belong to its largely misogynist period, eh? But he is indeed living his life with a certain guilt-free abandon that was not to be widely duplicated until the 1970s. He also confesses to throwing aside certain individuals in search of his ignis fatuus.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

My Father and Myself (Nyrb Classics S) I Can Draw It Myself, By Me, Myself (Classic Seuss) Three Tales of My Father's Dragon: My Father's Dragon; Elmer and the Dragon; The Dragons of Blueland The Expectant Father Audiobook: Facts, Tips, and Advice for Dads-to-be (New Father Series) Wedding Speeches: Father Of The Groom: Sample Speeches to Help the Father of the Groom Give the Perfect Wedding Speech (Wedding Speeches Books By Sam Siv) (Volume 5) The Innocence of Father Brown, Volume 2: A Radio Dramatization (Father Brown Series) Save Me from Myself: How I Found God, Quit Korn, Kicked Drugs, and Lived to Tell My Story Me, Myself, and I (Road to Writing) Me, Myself, and Pie (The Minecraft Collection) Victorian Secrets: What a Corset Taught Me about the Past, the Present, and Myself Teach Me to Do It Myself: Montessori Activities for You and Your Child Zine: How I Spent Six Years of My Life in the Underground and Finally...Found Myself...I Think Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race Finding Ultra: Rejecting Middle Age, Becoming One of the World's Fittest Men, and Discovering Myself Bill Bryson Collector's Edition: Notes from a Small Island, Neither Here Nor There, and I'm a Stranger Here Myself Debt Free or Die Trying: How I Buried Myself in Over \$30,000 in Debt and Dug My Way Out I Know What I'm Doing - and Other Lies I Tell Myself: Dispatches from a Life Under Construction Love Me Until I Love Myself: Sage and Delilah's Love Story The Big Tiny: A Built-It-Myself Memoir Dancing with Myself

[Dmca](#)