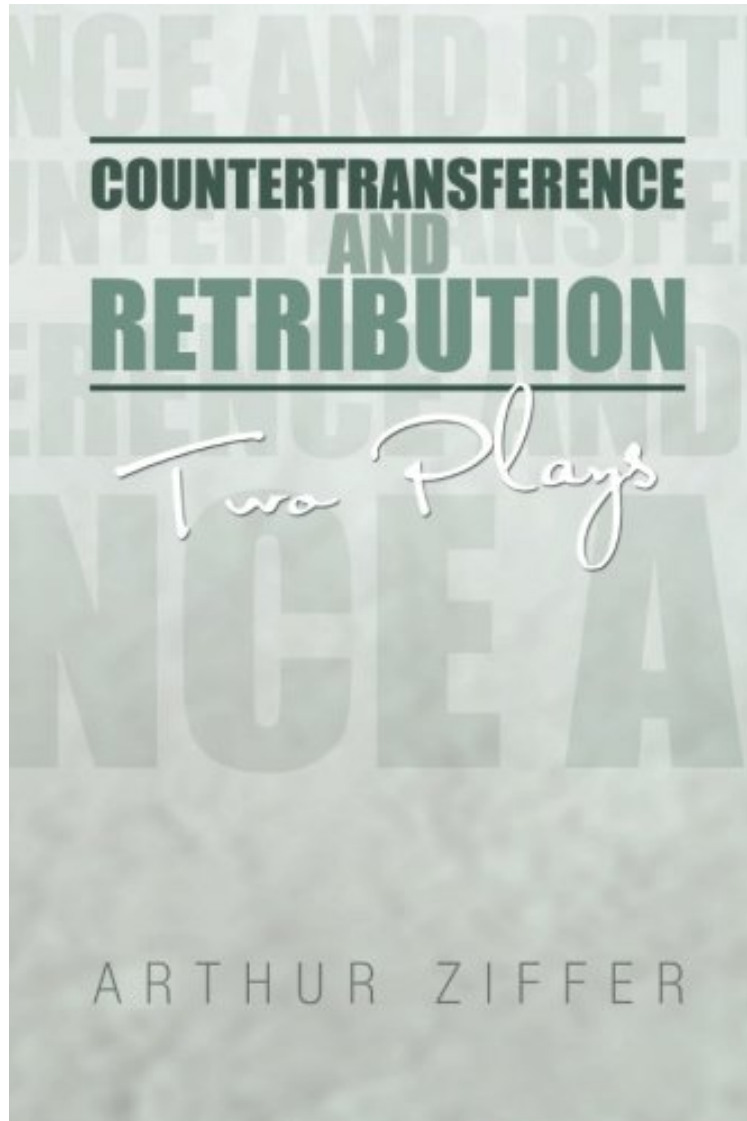


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A relationship with a psychotherapist instead of a spouse By MeTZelf The 19-letter word "Countertransference" sets the tone for what this is about -- psychobabble. The subtitle "Two Plays" is misleading because they aren't two plays. You need the "first" play to understand the "second" play. Ziffer could have better called his book "Countertransference -- a play in three acts". The first scene is a dialogue between therapist and patient. We never learn their names. The patient is a shy, somewhat awkward male

mathematician who longs for feminine companionship. The purpose of the therapy is to complain about a previous therapist. According to the patient, the former therapist ruined his life by failing to respond adequately to his tale of a trivial meeting with a woman. His new therapist supports and encourages him in this view. In the next scene we learn that the patient has killed his former therapist. The way we are told this though novel is unrealistic and out of character, yet not exactly a surprise twist. I'll not tell you what it is to leave you some suspense. The rest of the play consists of TV-style courtroom scenes that explore the question of responsibility. Who is to blame for the therapist's death? Is his former patient whose hand killed him? Did the therapist bring it upon himself by harming his former patient? Or is the new therapist to blame, either for persuading his patient to believe that his former therapist harmed him, or if you take the view that he actually was harmed, for revealing this harm to him? Ziffer is warning us that psychotherapist and patient become emotionally entangled in a relationship which he compares to marriage. He also warns that psychotherapy can be a grand waste of money. However, he does not make clear whether he believes that it can ever be useful. The therapists are called psychiatrists although they are engaging in psychotherapy or psychoanalysis only. Ziffer acknowledges that their activities bear no resemblance to that of the psychiatrist whose job is to write prescriptions and defamatory reports, not uncommonly regarding a person he hasn't met, let alone formed a relationship with. In this story the therapists have MD titles allowing the author to raise the question, when is a psychotherapist guilty of malpractice? Readers who take pleasure in joining this type of Socratic debate will find this book interesting. Copyright MeTZelf

At rise: A therapist and a patient are having a discussion in the therapist's office. Therapist From your phone call, I get the impression that you want to complain about a previous therapy, or to be precise, a psychotherapy, and, more specifically, a therapy with the designation talk therapy, like psychoanalysis. Patient Actually, I want to complain about three or four of them, and also complain about some talk therapists that I only saw once. Therapist Before you go on, I'd like you to know, that as far as I am concerned, many talk therapists can be ineffective and, unfortunately, can sometimes even do harm to patients. There are some good ones but you probably couldn't afford one of them. I like to think of myself as one of the good ones. You're here because I like to help people like you, who seemed to have had a difficult time in therapy. In fact, this is my mission in life.