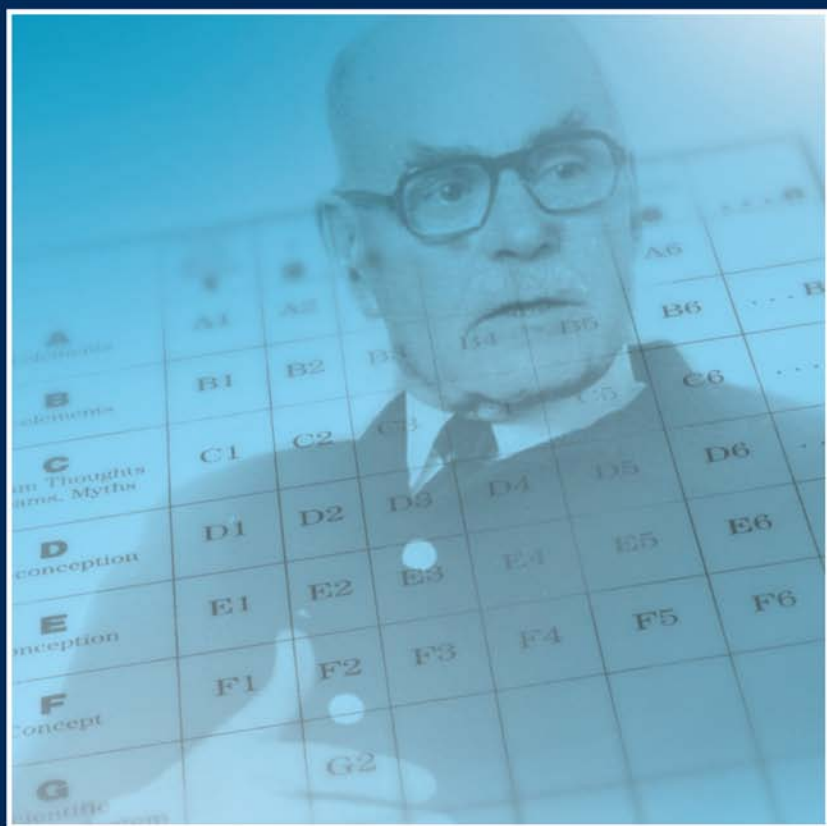


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## INTRODUCTION

Having spent a considerable portion of my working life dealing with psychoanalytic literature, I started reading biographies and autobiographies of major figures in this sphere when I retired. It must be said that psychoanalysts' autobiographies are pretty thin on the ground. The names which stood out most were Wilfred Bion, Donald Winnicott and Melanie Klein.

It is well known that Bion wrote several volumes which may be broadly defined as autobiography, whereas we have to rely on Robert Rodman's and Brett Kahr's biographies in order to learn of Winnicott's life. There are, of course, many articles scattered through the literature of personal memories of him by Harry Guntrip, Margaret Little, Renata Gaddini, Masud Khan, etc. There are at least two biographies of Klein and many instances of reference to her life in articles and parts of books. These will be the subject of a further book to be researched.

On trying to find what material actually existed, it struck me that there were vast amounts of material relevant to the lives, work and ideas of both men in the form of reviews, articles and books. There did not, however appear to be compilations of



*Symington, N. & J. (1996) The Clinical Thinking of Wilfred Bion*

Black, D.M. (1997) *Journal of Analytical Psychology*,  
42: 347-348

Blomfield, O.H.D. (2000) *Australian Journal of Psychotherapy*,  
19: 96-112

Bramley, W. (1987) *Group Analysis*, 20: 283-284

Caper, R. (1998) *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*,  
79: 417-420

Fransman, T. (1998) *Journal of Child Psychotherapy*,  
24: 331-333

Stokoe, P. (1998) *Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*, 12: 180-182

Twemlow, S. (1998) *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic  
Association*, 46: 1281-1284

Winship, G. (1997) *Therapeutic Communities*, 16: 242-243

Young, R.M. (2000) *Psychodynamic Counselling*, 6: 243-250

*Young, R.M. (1994) Mental Space*

Bion Talamo,  
R.P. (1996) *Psychoanalytic Books*, 7: 541-544

such work other than limited lists appearing on various web pages via the Internet.

I mentioned this to Oliver Rathbone of Karnac Books who suggested that I create such a bibliography of Bion myself. I was also encouraged to do so by Chris Mawson of the British Psychoanalytic Society as he would wish to incorporate it in the new "Collected Works of W.R. Bion" which he is in the process of editing.

I started work on the project during the summer of 2005, starting with Bion's own writings. This was a comparatively simple task since all the books were in print and so convenient to work from. The secondary sources compilation was considerably more complicated. Clearly the first source of research had to be *Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing* which David Tuckett had generously provided me with some years back. (Thank you David, without P.E.P. I could not have managed this task).

Since Bion's work branched out into many other areas, it then became necessary to find additional sources which needed delving into in order to extract the relevant details. The most obvious sources were, of course, the main psychotherapy and groupwork journals published both in the U.K. and the U.S.A. There were also many books which drew heavily from his writings and these took some finding. The difficulty is that I have limited mobility and thus was unable to visit libraries which stocked the material I needed for the task.

There was however one occasion when I did manage to get to the British Institute library and with the help of Andrea Chandler now, alas, no longer the Institute librarian, I succeeded in acquiring much required data. I particularly recall the pleasure of scanning early issues of *Free Associations* and the *Journal of the Melanie Klein Society and Object Relations*.

I have been fortunate in receiving help from James Grotstein, Michael Eigen, Bob Hinshelwood and Malcolm Pines

among others. Also for the record I wish to record my thanks to the librarians and archivists of the Tavistock, the B.A.P., the S.A.P. and the Group Analytic Society. I would particularly wish to express my gratitude to Richard Wakeford, Science Reference Librarian at the British Library—a modest man with a veritable mine of information who patiently tracked down and supplied me with references from journals I have never even heard of. And finally my thanks to Francesca Bion for her help and encouragement.

In the Spring 2006 issue of *American Imago*, the editor, Peter Rudnytsky, paid me the honour of publishing the first draft of the Bion bibliography plus a substantial portion of the secondary sources. Simultaneously Karnac Books placed a fuller version on their website. I am pleased to see that the British Institute also has the Bion's own writings section on its website. I have now substantially revised, corrected and added some 400+ entries to the secondary sources section.

With considerable renewed interest in Bion's contribution to various disciplines beyond the psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic, I hope that this work will be of use to practitioners, researchers and students. The list of secondary sources is by no means exhaustive and it is unlikely that it ever will be due to the constantly growing interest in Bion's ideas and contributions to various fields.

Harry Karnac



## PREFACE

The name “Karnac” has become a venerable institution amongst analytic readers for decades. Karnac Books are known throughout the analytic and psychotherapy world for the thoroughness of their inventory of books.

Harry Karnac, its founder, has now turned his thoroughness to the task of constructing a master list of bibliography for psychoanalytic writers. He has already tackled the works of Winnicott. Now he has constructed the bibliography of the complete works of Bion and, which is far more daunting, a significant list of accessory authors whose works importantly relate to Bion. The size of the opus constitutes a small book within itself. After one peruses these lists, one cannot help being impressed by Karnac’s bibliophilic dedication and the extent of his labors. He has become a reference librarian extraordinaire.

Reading down the list of accessory authors is like surfing the Internet and experiencing the marvel of landing on unexpected websites reflecting so many different perspectives of Bion’s extensive episteme. I even found a surprising entry, “Where is James Grotstein?”

Why is Karnac's endeavour so important? I think it is of utmost importance because Bion's thinking is so syncretic that it takes the eyes of many readers to digest him from the varying angles of their own personalities and their own private inner relationships and ways of understanding Bion to create a broader appreciation and application of his recondite but awesome, cutting-edge work. The analytic and psychotherapeutic world cannot thank Harry Karnac enough.

James S. Grotstein

PART 1

## Bion's own writings

*The 24 volumes of Bion's works,  
referred to as WRB1-WRB24*

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- WRB2                      *Learning from Experience.* London: William Heinemann Medical Books 1962 reprinted in *Seven Servants* with WRB3, WRB4 & WRB6. New York: Aronson, 1977. (reprinted London: Karnac, 1984)
- WRB3                      *Elements of Psycho-Analysis.* London: William Heinemann Medical Books 1963 reprinted in *Seven Servants* with WRB2, WRB4 & WRB6. New York: Aronson, 1977. (reprinted London: Karnac, 1984)
- WRB4                      *Transformations.* London: William Heinemann Medical Books, 1965. (reprinted in *Seven Servants*; with

- WRB2, WRB3 & WRB6. New York: Aronson, 1977; reprinted London: Karnac, 1984)
- WRB5 *Second Thoughts: Selected Papers on Psycho-Analysis*. London: William Heinemann Medical Books, 1967. (reprinted London: Karnac, 1984)
- WRB6 *Attention and Interpretation*. London: Tavistock Publications, 1970. (reprinted in *Seven Servants* with WRB2, WRB3 & WRB4. New York: Aronson, 1977; reprinted London: Karnac, 1984)
- WRB7 *Bion's Brazilian Lectures 1—São Paulo Rio/de Janeiro*: Imago Editora, 1973. (reprinted in *Brazilian Lectures* (revised & corrected (Ed.)) with WRB8 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1990)
- WRB8 *Bion's Brazilian Lectures 2—Rio de Janeiro/São Paulo*. Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1974. (reprinted in *Brazilian Lectures* (revised & corrected (Ed.)) with WRB7 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1990)
- WRB9 *A Memoir of the Future Book 1—The Dream*. Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1975. (reprinted in *A Memoir of the Future* (revised & corrected edition) with WRB10, WRB13 & WRB15 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1991)
- WRB10 *A Memoir of the Future Book 2—The Past Presented*. Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1977. (reprinted in *A Memoir of the Future* (revised & corrected edition) with



- WRB9, WRB13 & WRB15 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1991)
- WRB11 *Two Papers: The Grid and Cæsura*. Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1977. (reprinted (revised and corrected edition) London: Karnac, 1989)
- WRB12 *Four Discussions with W.R. Bion* Perthshire: Clunie Press, 1978. (reprinted in *Clinical Seminars and other works with WRB18* in one volume (edited by Francesca Bion) London: Karnac, 2000)
- WRB13 *A Memoir of the Future Book 3 The Dawn of Oblivion*. Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1977. (reprinted in *A Memoir of the Future* (revised & corrected edition) with WRB9, WRB10 & WRB15 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1991)
- WRB14 *Bion in New York and São Paulo* Perthshire: Clunie Press, 1980
- WRB15 *A Key to A Memoir of the Future* Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1977. (reprinted in *A Memoir of the Future* (revised & corrected edition) with WRB9, WRB10 & WRB13 in one volume. London: Karnac, 1991)
- WRB16 *The Long Weekend: 1897-1919 (Part of a Life)* (edited by Francesca Bion) Abingdon: Fleetwood Press, 1982. (reprinted London: Free Association Books, 1986; reprinted London: Karnac Books, 1991)
- WRB17 *All My Sins Remembered: Another part of a Life and The Other Side of Genius: Family*

- Letters* (edited by Francesca Bion)  
Abingdon: Fleetwood Press, 1985.  
(reprinted London: Karnac, 1991)
- WRB18 *Clinical Seminars and Four Papers*  
Abingdon: Fleetwood Press, 1987.  
(reprinted in *Clinical Seminars and other works* with WRB12 in one volume.  
(edited by Francesca Bion) London:  
Karnac, 2000)
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London: Karnac, 1992. (new extended  
edition. London: Karnac, 1994)
- WRB20 *Taming Wild Thoughts* (edited by  
Francesca Bion). London: Karnac, 1997
- WRB21 *War Memoirs 1917-1919* (edited by  
Francesca Bion). London: Karnac, 1997
- WRB22 *Clinical Seminars and other works* (edited  
by Francesca Bion). London: Karnac,  
2000 [single volume edition containing  
*Four Discussions with W.R. Bion*  
(WRB12) and *Clinical Seminars and Four  
Papers* (WRB18)]
- WRB23 *The Italian Seminars* (edited by Francesca  
Bion and transl. from the Italian by  
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[earlier edition *Seminari Italiani: Testo  
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- WRB24 *The Tavistock Seminars* (edited by  
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WRB1: 41-58
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- 1949a Experiences in Groups III. *Human Relations*, 2: 13-22  
WRB1: 59-75
- 1949b Experiences in Groups IV. *Human Relations*, 2: 295-303  
WRB1: 77-91

- 1950a Experiences in Groups V. *Human Relations*, 3: 3-14  
WRB1: 93-114
- 1950b Experiences in Groups VI. *Human Relations*, 3: 395-402  
WRB1: 115-126
- 1950c Imaginary Twin, The read to British Psychoanalytic Society Nov 1 '50.  
WRB5: 3-22
- 1951 Experiences in Groups VII. *Human Relations*, 4: 221-227  
WRB1: 127-137
- 1952 Group Dynamics: a review. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 33: 235-247 also in Klein, M. et al (Eds.) *New Directions in Psychoanalysis*, 440-477. London: Tavistock Publications, 1955  
WRB1: 141-191
- 1954 Notes on the Theory of Schizophrenia. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 35: 113-118  
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- 1955 Language and the Schizophrenic in (Eds.) Klein, M. et al. *New Directions in Psychoanalysis*, 200-239. London: Tavistock Publications, 1955
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WRB5: 36-42
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