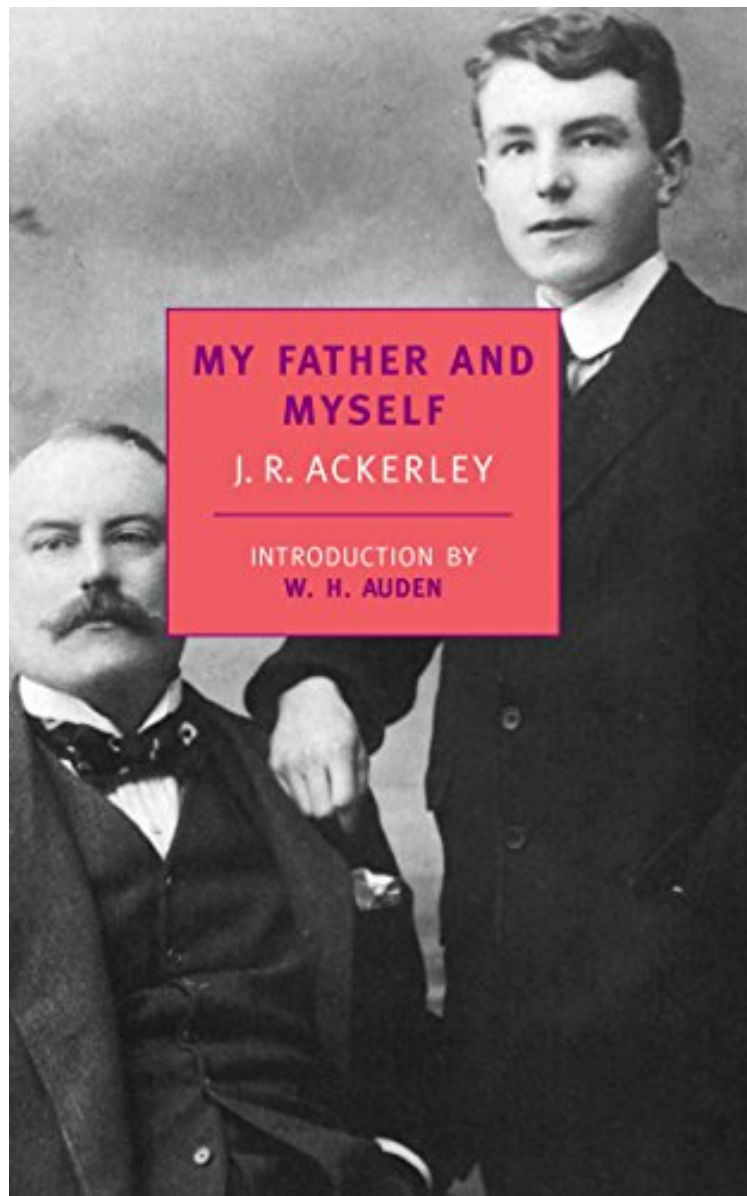


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**Von J. R. Ackerley : My Father and Myself (Nyrb Classics S)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Father and Myself (Nyrb Classics S):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Like Father Like Son--Or Not?Von Ein KundeI find I'm unable to start this review without falling upon a tired clich, but the

truth does seem stranger than fiction. Cliché aside—this is a fascinating account. Ackerley's self-deprecatory style masks an uncommonly contagious wit. What masquerades as a tragic story reveals ultimately as a tale of lives lived to the fullest. The lives of the father and of the son—the story suggests these two lives were worlds apart. Between the lies and the lines, the real story suggests these lives were inextricable and extensional. The book cover illustrates to perfection the essence of the tale, its metaphors are both cogent and covert. Judge this book by its cover—it is as uniquely exquisite. Five stars to the publisher for bringing this book back in five star fashion. Read the introduction last!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Against Victorian Cant Von Genieer Mr Ackerley's old-fashioned description of the relationship between father and son leaves this reader somewhat non-plussed. A gay son finds out rather late in life that his father started out as a kept boy to an Hungarian nobleman who so noble not was when the grown-up parted ways with him and made his past forget by a great number of extra-marital flings one of which produced a son. As a novel, this tale would be as out of time as a Courths-Mahler novel in Germany. As a confession of the author's own gayness in its furtiveness a little touching but only a little so. It has its merits for the reader today as a document of the human condition before the Great War were it not so clumsily written, at least by modern standards. For its honesty I give this biographical essay four stars.

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