

# The Rilke Alphabet: An Intimate Portrait of the Poet

By Ulrich Baer

Rainer Maria Rilke is one of the most important poets of the 20th century. His work is characterized by its beauty, its depth, and its insights into the human condition. In *The Rilke Alphabet*, Ulrich Baer offers a unique and insightful look at Rilke's life and work.



## **The Rilke Alphabet** by Ulrich Baer

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The book is structured around 26 short essays, each of which is focused on a different letter of the alphabet. Baer uses these letters as a way to explore different aspects of Rilke's life and work. For example, the essay on the letter "A" explores Rilke's childhood, while the essay on the letter "L" explores his relationship with Lou Andreas-Salomé.

Baer's writing is clear and concise, and he has a gift for bringing Rilke's work to life. He provides close readings of Rilke's poems, and he also

offers insights into Rilke's creative process. The result is a book that is both informative and engaging.

The Rilke Alphabet is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Rilke's life and work. It is also a valuable resource for scholars and students of literature.

## **About the Author**

Ulrich Baer is a professor of German and comparative literature at New York University. He is the author of several books on Rilke, including *Rilke's Book of Hours: Love and Death in the Work of a Modern Mystic* and *Rilke: The Life of the Poet*.

## **Reviews**

"Ulrich Baer's *The Rilke Alphabet* is a rich and multifaceted portrait of one of the most important poets of the 20th century. Baer's insights into Rilke's life and work are both illuminating and engaging." —**The New York Times**

"Baer's book is a valuable addition to the scholarship on Rilke. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the poet's life and work." —**The Times**

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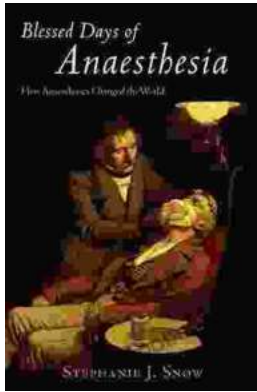
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