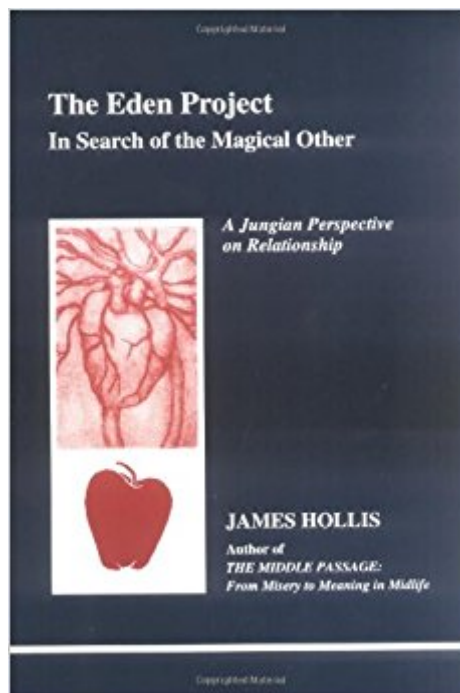


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This book is a must read for anyone who is seriously wanting to move forward in life with a more realistic and enlightening view of what falling "in love" is really about. We as a culture need to revise our most cherished beliefs in order to really love a human being and this book will certainly open your eyes and heart. It will stretch you spiritually and psychologically in your capacity to not only tolerate but accept differences in your mate. You will realize that no one can be all you are unconsciously expecting of them (a perfect parent) as this does not exist in the real world. I highly recommend this book.

This book pairs nicely with some contemporary European Philosophy. I'm referring to Marcel, Marion et al. Under girding much of Hollis' work (and consequentially Jung) you can find contributions of and for phenomenology. Personally, as human grappling with modernity and relationships, this book was quite insightful. This is not a how to book, but rather, it is a paradigm book. By reading one may identify contemporary views of relationships, examine them, and then reconsider one's own paradigm. Hollis (or Jung) does indicate the search for the magical other begins after the child's conceived ownership of his/her mother is fractured. The child, through

adolescence and adulthood, may then search for a magical other to fill the void. Hollis considers this subject and its implications briefly, leaving room for the reader to draw his/hers own conclusions.

James Hollis has always reminded me of Dr Marcus Welby MD - his bedside manner is cool yet compassionate and he doesn't pull any punches!! This book takes a startling frank look at why we fail so often in finding "love," in finding our 'soulmate.' Hollis doesn't sugar coat it - but if you can wrap your mind around the truth of his Jungian point of view....then maybe, just maybe, love *is* possible. His books are slim but dense reads. Mine our highlighted from start to finish. I believe him to be the top male Jungian writer living today. Truly a font of wisdom. Reading this book CHANGED MY LIFE. It opened the path for me to find a partnership of the depth and soul I had longed for. The work was mine to do - it involved changing my entire thinking about love but the results were worth it. I have bought multiple copies of this book - so that when a friend comes to me, devastated once again from the failure of a relationship or even marriage - I hand them a copy of The Eden Project and tell them if they are willing to do things differently - this book will help them find the path.

James Hollis is one of the most eloquent and lucid writers of our time in describing what it means to be human. And this book is the best I have ever read on relationships and the search for meaning in communion with the Other. His analysis of what true love means in intimate relationships is profound. But I was also deeply inspired by his discussion of Spirituality and Soul, in which Hollis so elegantly defines what it truly means to be "religious" and in meaningful relationship with the numinous Other. This spoke to me in a way that no dogmatic "religion" could ever hope to do. Amazing read.

This book is not a self-help book. It is not a "how to make it work" type book. It is a book about us, and the expectations we have about relationships. How these expectations might not be real needs, how they might be myths. It doesn't tell you what an authentic relationship is either, it tells you what is in the way for you to figure out what is YOUR ideal relationship. It helped me worked out through a lot of struggles, between my expectations of me and my girlfriend, and how I really feel. A must read for anyone in a relationship, but the best is for both partners to read it together. So they grow together instead of apart.

Its a very heavy read. I had to read slowly in order to provide myself time to digest the information. I think over all it was very interesting. It really helped me to view relationships (all types not just

romantic) in a different light. It also gave me a different look at what a healthy self sufficient person should be like or should atleast strive for. I think if you can get through it that every person should read this atleast once.

I have no idea who talked me into reading this book but I'm not a fan of Jungian psychology. The book is probably great for people who like this kind of stuff.

Thank you, James Hollis, for a book filled with deep insight, humor and compassion. This book is the antidote for the Dr. Phils of the world. It does not offer a single glib panacea for the troubles we all face with our relationships- especially the relationship we have with our own psyches. The Eden Project deals primarily with romantic relationships; how they begin, the power they hold over us, the work that must be done to create and maintain a balance between self and other. It is deep without being pedantic or opaque. Hollis' writing is concise and very readable. His model is the work of Carl Jung; the outlook and style is contemporary and practical. Where Jung can be difficult to decipher Hollis' meaning is always clear. The best compliment I can offer is that, after reading and studying The Eden Project, I went out and purchased multiple copies for friends and family. That is not something I've ever done before.

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