

# JAMES HILLMAN

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on why we age*

# THE FORCE OF CHARACTER

*And the Lasting Life*

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## The Force of Character: And the Lasting Life



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In his powerful bestseller *The Soul's Code*, James Hillman brilliantly illuminated the central need for character to our spiritual and psychological lives. Now, in this magnificent new publication, Hillman completes his exploration of personality with a profound and revolutionary reflection on life's second fifty percent." and left, the special legacy we each bestow on our survivors. Drawing on his grounding in Jungian psychology, Hillman explains here the archetypes and myths that govern the self's realignment inside our final years."The last years confirm and fulfill character. " declares Hillman. *The Power of Personality* follows an enriching journey through the three stages of aging--long lasting, the deepening that comes with longevity;Along the way the book explores the meanings and frequently hidden virtues of characteristic physical and emotional changes, such as loss of storage, alterations in rest patterns, and the mystical upsurge in erotic imagination.Character requires the excess years," Definately not blunting or dulling the self, the accumulation of experience concentrates the essence of our being, heightening our specific mystery and unique knowing of lifestyle. leaving, the planning for departure;Steeped in the wisdom of an eternity, radiant with Hillman's reading in philosophy, poetry, and sacred texts, billed with a piercing clearness, *The Force of Character* is normally a book that may change--and affirm--the lives of most who read it.



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Quality of physical book is very poor. I was looking towards reading this book as it addresses problems that are essential to me as an older person; Hillman is an excellent writer who will go beyond everyday thinking into the deeper knowledge of all phases of life. The book is thought-provoking and inspirational. One must change the page and press it down near the binding to keep it open up enough to read it. I can't be more precise than that not only due to my very own limitations (fatigue, other demands on my time and interest) but also, I have to admit, to the language of the author. Browse it. I haven't however embarked on reading past the first few web pages.. I wish there were more stars to give!! I extremely recommend it. better, lovelier--blowing new energy into it the way you ... James Hillman is one of those rare thinkers who transcend category. It's not only that he's not the same as other psychologists, he pronounces the very word psychology the way a Martian might. I read it 3 x. investing it with something deeper, better, lovelier--blowing fresh energy into it like you would a constantly deflating balloon. His prose is normally a delight, his erudition titanic and his insight off the charts. Poor workmanship! Kept rechecking it from the library. I'm considering returning it. After trying to learn it for such a long time I felt that this was a book I wanted in my library. The Power of Personality illuminated the road before me. I had just turned 48 and survived a significant personal turning stage; He attempts, largely effectively in my view, to show the sharp limits of that idea, just how it ignores, when it's not simply misrepresenting, the adjustments that come with age. Yesterday, I unpacked it after a move and made a decision to re-read it. "Why would God have a lot of people suffer with later years?" This book discusses us as though "we" are the purpose of life: to develop, understand and grow a soul. The reflective tendencies of later years help us gain perspective and make us ready to determine what was good and bad. Buy it.. sorta making us a far more worthwhile conversationalist for God on the other hand.. I needed information to help me encounter my aging.! Do you wish to understand yourself, your fate, and the real definition of aging, life, living, posterity, and "personality"? The binding can be awkward and rather puckered, and web pages don't turn easily. A Terrific book to help seniors understand why they constantly review their previous lives A Terrific book to help seniors realize why they constantly review their past lives, and try to find out what's happening to them now, and where they are headed. This publication brings back the ancient gods and tosses out Freudian mythology. wonderfully insightful and inspirational book This book was recommended by my mother after she attended a talk distributed by the author, James Hillman.. Holding an attractive reserve in one's hands, turning a page with ease to learn the next page--these are all part of the pleasure of reading. You possess the feeling that he is continuously reinventing the pursuit; The body weaknesses help in other ways and he elaborates. to problem society's easy templates and go forth as I'm most inclined I read this publication when it was first published, in 1999. It produced me laugh out loud at people I understand and at myself. I usually need a good laugh particularly when it comes with such great insight. Great Book The best psychology book I've read in years. Superb book to provide you with vision and understanding. nevertheless, the quality of the physical book is quite poor. I highly recommend this reserve." The result of period, and all of the changes that come with it, is not to detract, to reduce, but to enrich, to deepen, to keep to develop what's inherent yet which can't be seen without the maturing that time brings. Hillman considers the empty-nest years while developmental no different than .. If you are wondering about life's last act Though anyone with curiosity and a willingness to look at the world with an open up mind, Hillman's book seems designed for people on the other side of 50. Hillman considers the empty-nest years seeing that developmental no unique of the first

fifty percent of life. His perspective suggests new problems for a person, primarily with respect to character. This novel take raises a host of intriguing insights worthy of thoughtful consideration. Explains advantages of aging, a topic usually deplored Great read Hillman has great ideas Used this book for a demonstration on "Aging Gracefully" Aging Dr. Hillman includes a amount of positive what to state about the advancement of character during one's lifespan. Overall, it's scholarly and informative. Character Trumps Age A wonderful reserve for putting one' life in perspective, especially when interacting with the elderly and getting older yourself.I've assimilated his philosophy into my own. Not as nice as hard cover however the content in this publication is great.. I am 65 today. Hillman reminds me, once again, to problem society's easy templates and go forth as I'm most inclined.. Among the concepts that he writes about is the notion that maturing is in some way synonymous with decline, decay, and loss. It creates perfect sense, since I have always asked. This is a facile simile, which obscures many insights which he makes, but maturing for the average person, if we are to comprehend it and its own meaning, its worth, partakes of this is of the word in a collocations such as "aged whiskey. Five Stars Great! I'm guessing this is a print-on-demand book, but whoever imprinted it did a less-than-adequate work. Hillman does have many marvelous insights, but his prose frequently floated off the page for me. Four Stars Enjoyed this book. Very well.



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