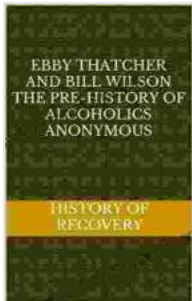


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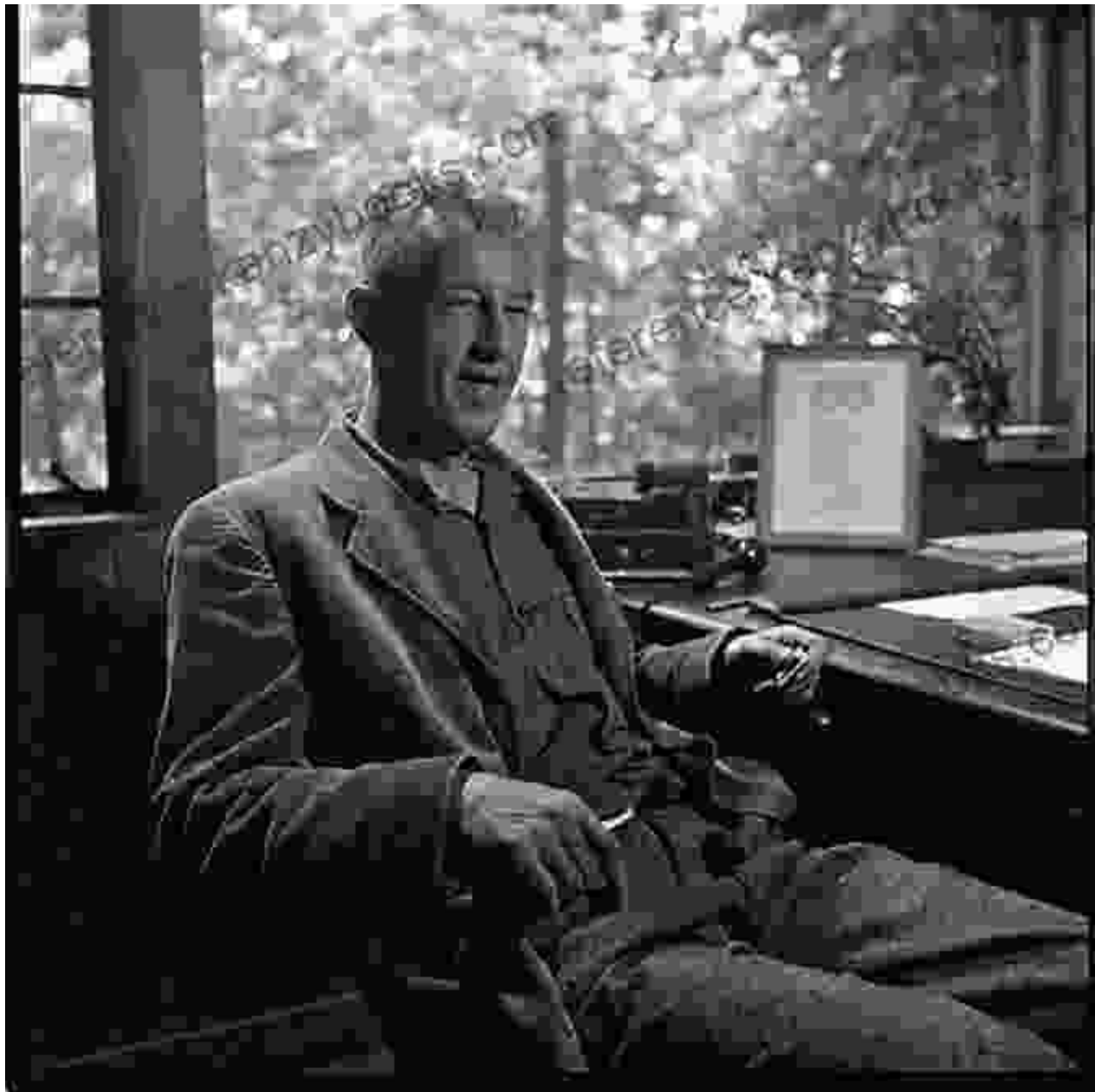
Ebby Thatcher was a mysterious and enigmatic figure who played a significant role in the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Born in 1872 in Albany, New York, Thatcher was a successful businessman and inventor. However, his life was plagued by alcoholism, and he spent many years in and out of hospitals and sanitariums.

In 1916, Thatcher met Dr. Carl Jung, the renowned Swiss psychiatrist, who introduced him to the concept of the unconscious mind. Jung's ideas had a profound impact on Thatcher, and he began to explore the psychological roots of his addiction.

In 1929, Thatcher met Bill Wilson, a wealthy stockbroker who was also struggling with alcoholism. Together, they began to develop the ideas that

would eventually form the foundation of AA. Thatcher's spiritual insights and Jungian perspectives played a major role in shaping the program's philosophy and principles.

The Birth of Alcoholics Anonymous



Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous

In 1935, Thatcher and Wilson published the book "Alcoholics Anonymous," which outlined the 12 steps of recovery that have become the cornerstone of AA's program. The book was an instant success, and AA quickly grew into a worldwide fellowship.

Thatcher's role in the founding of AA has often been downplayed or overlooked. However, there is no doubt that he was a major force behind the movement's early development. His spiritual insights and Jungian perspectives helped to shape the philosophy and principles that have made AA a beacon of hope for countless recovering alcoholics.

The Legacy of Ebby Thatcher



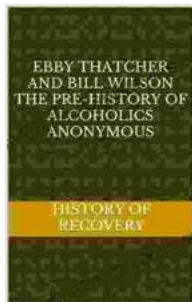
Ebby Thatcher died in 1938 at the age of 65. He never achieved the same level of fame as Bill Wilson, but his contributions to AA are immeasurable.

His spiritual insights and Jungian perspectives helped to create a program that has helped millions of people overcome addiction.

Today, Alcoholics Anonymous is a global fellowship with over 2 million members. It is estimated that AA has helped over 100 million people recover from alcoholism. Ebby Thatcher's legacy lives on in the countless lives that have been transformed by the power of AA's program.

The story of Ebby Thatcher is a fascinating and inspiring one. It is a story of redemption, hope, and the power of human connection. Thatcher's contributions to Alcoholics Anonymous are immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire and heal for generations to come.

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