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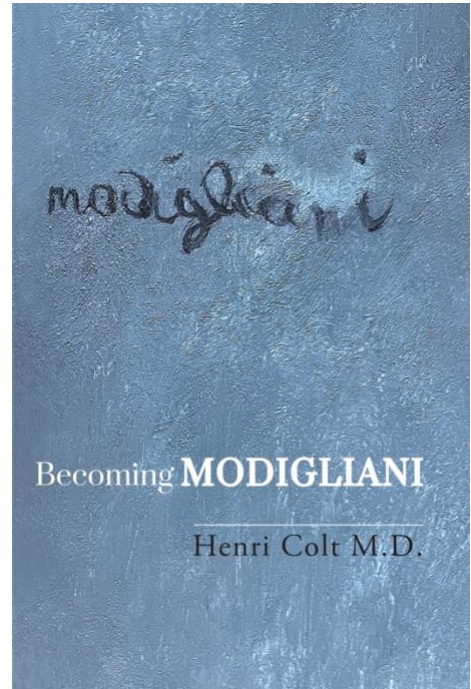
Becoming MODIGLIANI

By Henri Colt M.D.

Becoming Modigliani is a comprehensive biography that delves into the troubled life of the Jewish-Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani. The book is written by Dr. Henri Colt, an internationally recognized lung specialist. This informative and entertaining biography examines the artist's legend and Modigliani's creative journey from a medical perspective, from his birth in Livorno, Italy, to his tragic death in a paupers' hospital in Paris at the age of thirty-five, presumably from tuberculous meningitis.

Becoming Modigliani sheds light on the young man's chronic illnesses, addictions, and relationships with friends and lovers as he navigated the vibrant yet challenging world of early 20th-century Bohemian Paris. Beginning with "Modi's" birth in 1884, the narrative is divided into five parts, seamlessly blending biographical elements with medical insights and a critical analysis of Modigliani's work. It also provides thoughtful descriptions of a changing society governed by the impact of infectious diseases, war, and a flourishing of other creative geniuses.

With thirty-seven virtually standalone chapters, a preface and epilogue, three appendices, and a rich array of illustrations and references, *Becoming Modigliani* provides a profound and compassionate exploration of Modigliani's embattled world. Dr. Colt's aim is to foster empathy and understanding by unraveling the intricate layers of Modigliani's existence. The result is a captivating tale that resonates with a diverse audience of serious readers, art and medical history enthusiasts, sociologists, students, and anyone interested in the human spirit.



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