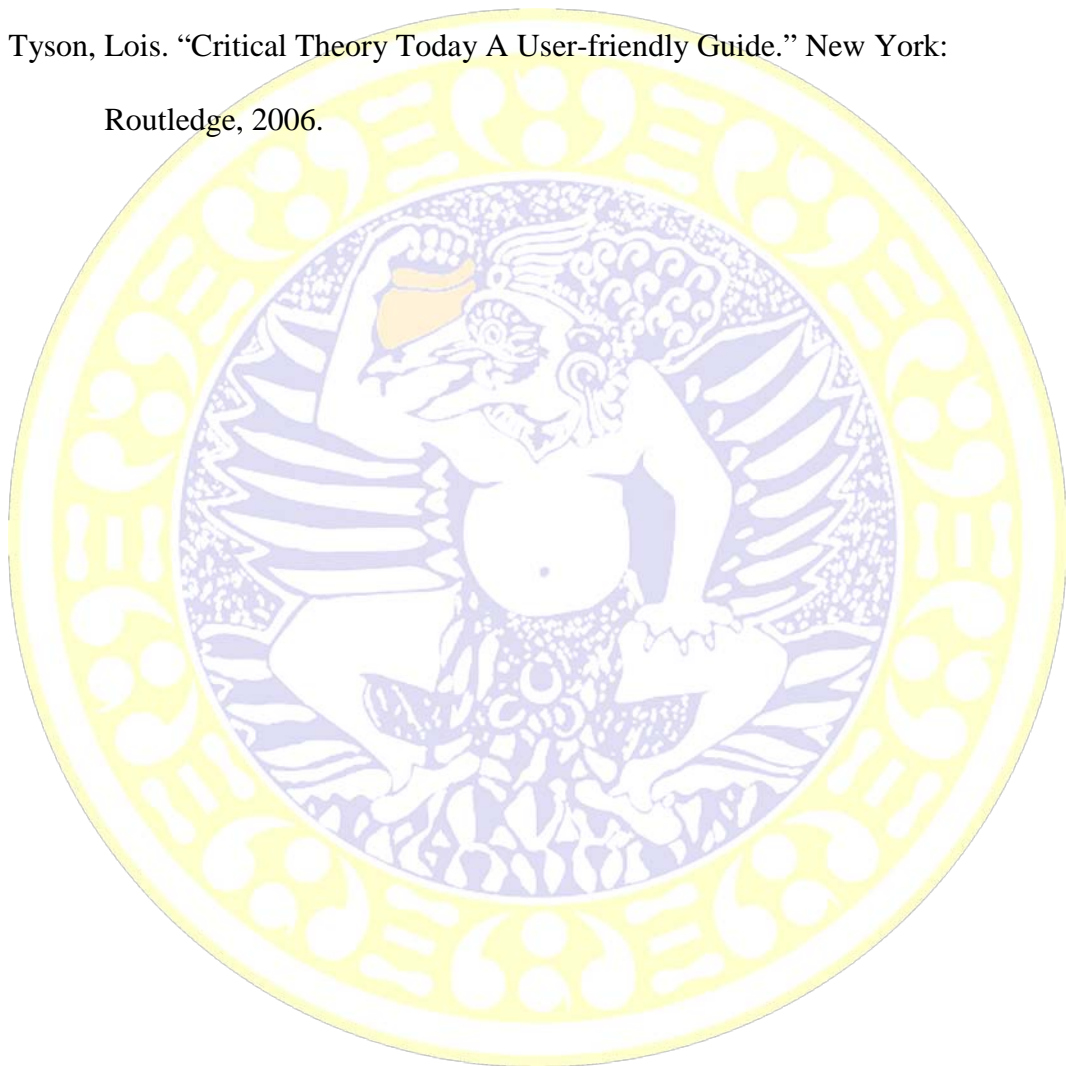


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## Synopsis of the Novel

An aged Jew, former inmate of one of Riga's Nazi-era concentration camps, committed suicide, leaving behind a journal in which he recorded his own startling life story beneath the grip of the Nazis, his time serving in camp, his witnessing Germany's defeat to the Allies, and to top it all up, an intriguing tale of an SS captain, Eduard Roschmann, better known as the Butcher of Riga.

Peter Miller, an energetic young German professing as a journalist, came to take possession of the journal. Finding a hint, he decided to track down one of the culprits and drag him out of oblivion. As he discovered one clue after another Miller unwittingly was trudging closer and closer to his own demise. Roschmann was not dear to Miller alone; but also to the Israelis and ODESSA, an exclusive organization serving as a safe haven for former SS *Kameraden* surviving the last war having witnessed Nazi Germany in ashes.

The ODESSA, for their own reasons, simply could not tolerate any attempts on Roschmann's life because this *Kamerad* has a vital and irreplaceable role to the continuation of the organization's international rocketry project in order to assist Egypt in their upcoming war against Israel; to that end, ODESSA took Roschmann's person under intense care, going so far as assigning a guard to stand by and live within the man's residence.

Miller on the other hand, as the story progressed, had apparently not started his manhunt motivated by pure revenge having been unable throughout his young life to begin to understand what was it the Nazis had done towards

Germany to leave such a horrendous disgrace felt even during Peter Miller's generation. When the manhunt finally ended inconclusively despite all the aid he had received along the way, Miller admitted that the urge to find his father's murderer—whom he believed up until that time to be killed on the battlefield—had been his true motive.

All the while, the Israeli agents have also kept intense watch on ODESSA's project, perceiving it as a direct threat to their national prestige as well as their homeland, and tried their best to avert the imminent danger by sabotaging the project, methodically killing off German scientists refusing to leave Egypt. Miller's desire to infiltrate ODESSA coincided nicely with their plan, so they sent an agent to help ensure that they could also reap some benefits. Miller however betrayed their trust, only earning the chance to get to Roschmann—which after all led to no other valuable discovery.