

Jean-Paul Sartre

WORDS

Reminiscences

of a precocious  
childhood spent  
within the  
confines of French  
provincialism  
before the  
First World War

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'I loathe my childhood and all that remains of it.'

After his father's early death Jean-Paul Sartre was brought up at his grandfather's home in a world even then eighty years out of date. In *Words* he recalls his illusion-ridden childhood – dominated by a false conception of life, ideas and literature – and considers its effect on his work. Essential background to the philosophy of one of today's profoundest thinkers, this self-analysis is also a brilliant study in child psychology and a witty, lucid story that will delight all those who have previously found Sartre over-complex.