

SOMETHING NEW ABOUT KAFKA?  
NEW WORKS SEEKING TO PLACE HIS BIOGRAPHY  
IN CONTEXT REVIEWED

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In research about Kafka, tendencies to place author and work in an appropriate biographic and cultural-historical context have become more pronounced in recent years. This is exemplified by the books reviewed in the present report: a recent conference volume examining from different viewpoints how World War I infringed on Kafka's life and work, a monograph on bio-political influences relevant at the time, and some recent biographical approaches.