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BOREDOM IS TOXIC

The life of Eugenie Schwarzwald

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Eugenie Schwarzwald (1872-1940) was one of the most fascinating women of her generation. With great enthusiasm she advocated progressive education, social work, communal kitchens and holiday camps and was one of the first women in Austria to obtain a doctoral degree. She also worked as a journalist and invited writers such as Thomas Mann, Sinclair Lewis and Egon Friedell to her literary salon in Vienna, which was, in many respects, one of the most progressive of the time. Schwarzwald founded Austria's first real secondary school for girls, aiming at providing a "school of joy". "Boredom is toxic" was her motto. As teachers she invited artists and great minds of the Wiener Moderne from her circle, among them Adolf Loos, Arnold Schönberg and Oskar Kokoschka. In her later life though, she h...

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