Theodor W. Adorno, Siegfried Kracauer
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Among the great letter exchanges, the one between Theodor W. Adorno and Siegfried Kracauer is certainly the most intimate.

The resonance of a passionate friendship which connected both parties from the beginning runs through this correspondence which covers the period from 1923 until Kracauer's death in 1966. Kracauer, the older of the two, remained the more vulnerable throughout his life, the younger of the two was more ruthless in the Storm and Stress of his letters. The extensive correspondence which includes 269 letters is a moving document bearing witness to the attempts of both parties to maintain an intellectual friendship throughout the troubles and fractures of the 20th century.

Theodor W. Adorno was born on September 11, 1903 in Frankfurt am Main and died on August 6, 1969 from the consequences of a heart attack while on vacation in Visp/Valais. From 1921 to 1923 he studied Philosophy, Sociology and Musicology in Frankfurt and obtained his doctorate in 1924 with a thesis on »Transcendence of the Material and Noematic in Husserl's Phenomenology«. He became friends with Siegfried Kracauer in his school days and later with Max Horkheimer and Walter Benjamin during their years at university. Alongside them, Adorno is one of the most important representatives of...
the »Frankfurt School«, which emerged from the Institute for Social Research at the Goethe University Frankfurt. The collected works of Theodor W. Adorno are published by Suhrkamp Verlag and have been translated into more than 40 languages.