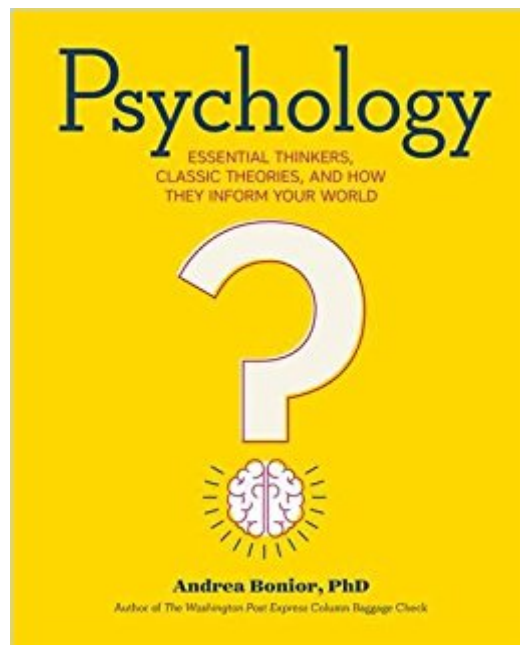




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# Psychology: Essential Thinkers, Classic Theories, And How They Inform Your World



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Why is eyewitness testimony sometimes misleading? How does evolution explain what qualities people seek in online dating partners? These questions and many more are addressed in a convincing, thorough, and funny overview of why we are the way we are. ã¢â â ¢Dave Haaga, Ph.D., Department Chair and Professor of Psychology, American UniversityWhy do we do the things we do, think the thoughts we think, and feel the ways that we feel? Dr. Andrea Bonior has spent more than fifteen years in the field of psychology helping people discover "what makes them tick?" In her clinical practice, as well as various mental health agencies and counseling centers, she draws upon sound psychological principles to address anxiety disorders and depression, relationship issues, grief and loss, and other issues. As a mental health columnist and public speaker, Dr. Bonior encourages people to fuel their energy by connecting with themselves and cultivating the relationships around them.Psychology bridges the gap between the theoretical and real-life, creating a space where you can explore how you and others fit into it all. Dr. Bonior looks at the biggest names, ideas, and studies in the history of psychology and translates their meaning to everyday situations and relationships. Both accessible and applicable, this reference book offers a foundational understanding of the study of the mind, as well as compelling insight into your own thoughts and behaviors. Dr. Bonior covers the major fields of psychological study, including:Cognitive PsychologyBehavioral PsychologyPsychoanalytical PsychologyPersonality PsychologyDevelopmental Psychology

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At NYU in 1970, there were no courses in journalism, but I ran the daily newspaper, which was a full time job, meaning I had to choose a major where you could get A's without attending classes or doing a lot of work. It turns out that was psychology. So I was a psychology major. I learned nothing about psychology, and because of that, I have always secretly considered myself a fraud. Then I read Andrea Bonior's book. I am a psychologist now, and a completed man.

•Gene Weingarten, Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and nationally syndicated humor columnist

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