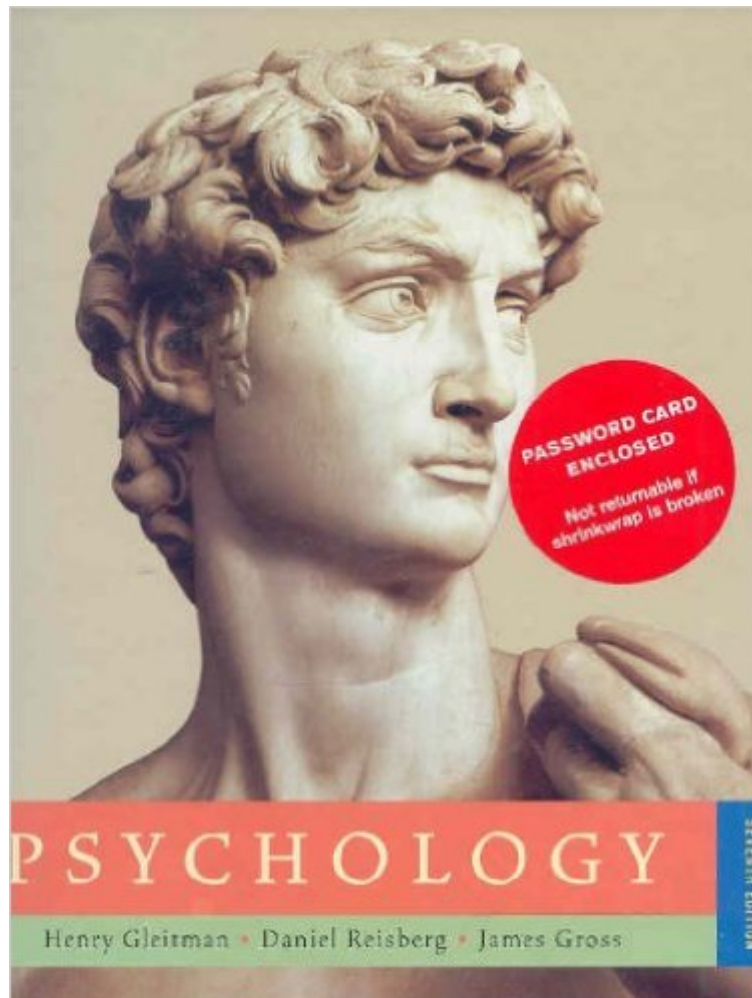


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This introduction text represents a "tour de force" in dealing with a complex subject. Psychology is divided into 5 sections dealing with Action, Cognition, Social Behavior, Development, and Individual Differences. Each chapter contains the biological basis at work, because, as the authors so beautifully put it "we aren't just minds; we are minds embodied." This book is for the serious student; the dabbler, and those whose understanding of psychology is limited to pop psych-type self-help, psycho-babble will be bored. An outstanding, scholarly work worthy of reading.

I've used the text for my honors section of Psych 101 and as a source for lecture material in my other sections. IMHO, this is the best textbook for Intro Psych that I have ever come across in terms of the depth of material presented. It is, however, probably too difficult for the large lecture hall

sections or sections taught entirely by graduate students. For these sections I would recommend David Myers' textbook. Much more student-friendly, and still an excellent source of information. Fridlund, et al., is still the gold standard.

Since Gleitman teaches at my school, for Intro Psychology we are required to use this book, so I bought it at the beginning of last semester, begrudging the high cost of it. After having read it virtually from cover to cover, I can now say with a high degree of certainty that this must be one of the best books for Introduction to Psychology that I can imagine. Each chapter of this book is filled with useful and relevant anecdotes and other things that help to lead the reader into understanding the concepts portrayed by Gleitman and his fellow authors in the book. Also, the online accompaniment with quizzes and chapter summaries is a major help in studying for the exam, and the Study Guide: for Psychology, Eighth Edition is a phenomenal tool to use in conjunction with this book because it distills all the information down to what you just need to know.

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you. My personal favorite was the chapter on Language (written by Mrs Gleitman).

This rather intimidating-looking book was required for my course so I had to buy it, but I'm actually enjoying reading it. What could be dry material is livened up with humor and real-life examples that make these essential concepts easy to learn.

Great for learning the basics of psychology in a comprehensive, thorough, easy to understand manner. I used it for my university freshman psych course, and even though the professors had to add some additional information to the texts, it served as a great guideline for psychology majors.

I used this book for my intro psychology course and it helped me immensely. I only attended a single lecture out of the whole quarter so I solely relied on this text book; no study guides or practice exams were provided by the professor either! It was a very easy read, I felt like I was just zipping through the pages. There were a lot of current cultural references to keep things interesting and relatable. The key terms were bolded in the text and boxed and redefined on the side of the pages as well. The website for the textbook was also very helpful and is open to anyone, no special code required. They had chapter quizzes, flash cards, and summaries. I got an A in the course :)

I bought this book from for my fundamentals of psychology class. The book is much more detailed than the Myers edition also commonly used for psych intro classes and the writing seems much more professional, whereas the Myers edition is a little more humorous and witty. Being that it is much more comprehensive you get a lot more out of it and it serves as a really good introduction and foundation of the topics studied in psychology. You will definitely notice the difference in detail if you switch from the Myers book (this doesn't mean that the Myers edition is inferior to this in any way). However the con associated with an increased amount of detail is the increased likeliness that the reader will get bored much more quickly, which does sometimes happen. Despite this it still serves its purpose and is a recommended read for psych majors and people wanting an intro to psychology. Btw if you want to buy the book off check the other sellers/vendors first, you can save about ten bucks (shipping included) if you buy from them than straight from .

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