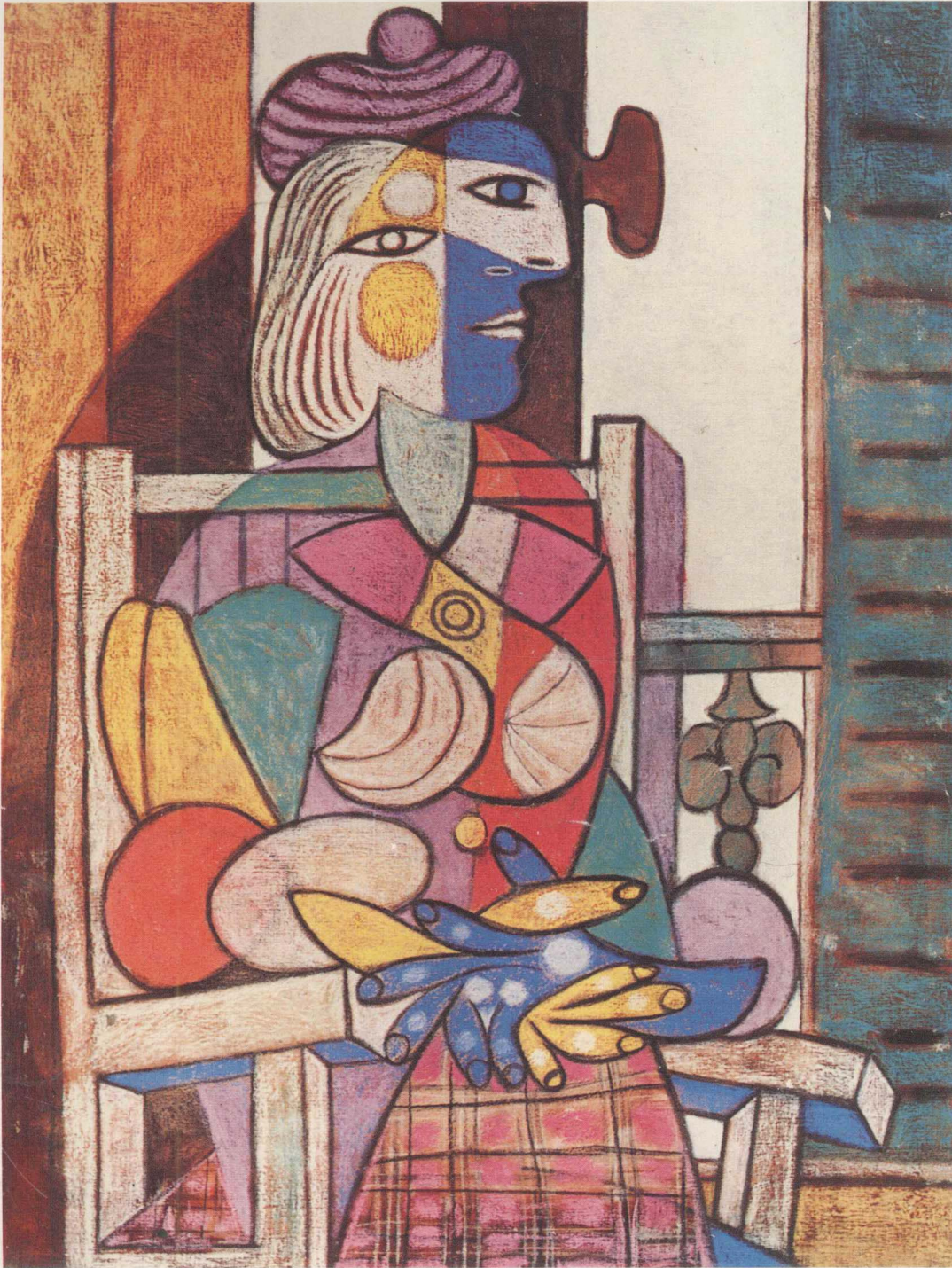


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PREFACE

PSYCHOLOGY IS A RICH and varied science, covering the breadth and depth of human behavior—everything from fleeting reflexes to enduring memories, from falling asleep to falling in love. In our experience, most students enter the introductory course thinking that psychology concerns itself mainly with personality, psychological testing, mental disorders, psychotherapy, and other aspects of *clinical* psychology. Many of these students are surprised, then, when we ask them to read about such topics as the structure of the brain, optical illusions, the effect of jet lag on Olympic athletes, AIDS and the immune system, and prenatal risk factors, to name just a few. Yet these are all topics under the umbrella that is psychology.

For all its diversity, psychology is also a remarkably integrated discipline that links subfields to one another through common interests and overarching research questions. As psychologists and scholars, we wrote this book to portray the wide range of topics that make up the science of psychology. As teachers, we focused on the essentials of the discipline, the core concepts of psychology that we hope will be especially accessible and interesting to you. As you will see, we carefully selected our topics so as to give you an idea of how broad and diverse psychology is. We also tried to present these topics through an integrated, active pedagogical system designed to help students get the most out of the text. In creating *Essentials of Psychology*, we have dedicated ourselves to these goals:

- To select topics that represent the full range of psychology, from cell to society, without overwhelming the reader with details.
- To sharpen our focus on helping students understand and remember the material we present. In short, we tried to create a textbook that not only is clear and enjoyable to read, but that also provides features to support the learning process in all students, regardless of their academic background.
- To help students learn to think critically and scientifically by examining the ways that psychologists have solved, or failed to solve, fascinating puzzles of behavior and mental processes.
- To explain the content of psychology with an emphasis on the *doing* of psychology, grounding all discussions in current and classic research studies (to help students appreciate the importance of research, we also explore one study in detail in a special feature in each chapter).

We present the results of basic and applied research on topics that are both important to psychology and of high interest to students. These topics include, for example, how drugs affect

the brain (Chapter 2), basis for optical illusions (Chapter 3), the effects of subliminal messages (Chapter 4), the importance of active learning in the classroom (Chapter 5), the repressed memory controversy (Chapter 6), the origins of intelligence (Chapter 8), sources of sexual orientation (Chapter 9), the development of morals (Chapter 10), the effects of stress on health (Chapter 11), what determines and shapes our personalities (Chapter 12), the causes of multiple personality disorder (Chapter 13), and the development of ethnic prejudice (Chapter 14).

Our discussion of research in psychology is also designed to remind students that while, in some ways, “people are people wherever you go,” sociocultural factors, including gender, ethnicity, cultural background, and geography, often shape human behavior and mental processes. We repeatedly point out, therefore, that psychological research on the thinking styles, perceptual habits, psychological disorders, social pressures, and other phenomenon seen in North America or Europe, for example, may or may not apply to other cultures, or even to subcultures within Western countries.

Rather than isolating such material in boxed features, we have woven it into every chapter so that students will encounter it repeatedly as they read. We introduce the importance of sociocultural factors in Chapter 1 and continue to reinforce it through coverage of such topics as the impact of culture and experience on perception (Chapter 3), classrooms across cultures (Chapter 5), ethnic differences in IQ (Chapter 8), social and cultural factors in sexuality (Chapter 9), personality, culture, and human development (Chapter 10), gender and cultural differences in depression and suicide (Chapter 13), and cultural factors in aggression (Chapter 14), to cite just a few examples.

BOOKWIDE ORGANIZATION

This book’s streamlined, fourteen-chapter organization has been specifically designed to be easily covered in a single semester. We treat closely connected topics such as sensation and perception, thought and language, motivation and emotion, and psychological disorders and treatments in single chapters, thus highlighting the logical links in the material. Did we arrange our fourteen chapters in an ideal sequence? The sequence we chose reflects the way we teach our introductory course, but we know that each instructor has his or her own preferences for sequencing that may not match ours. Indeed, we have written each of the fourteen chapters as a freestanding

unit so that you may assign it in whatever order you wish. For example, many instructors prefer to teach the material on human development relatively late in the course, which is why it appears as Chapter 10. However, the chapter can be just as comfortably assigned earlier in the course.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Essentials of Psychology contains a number of special features designed to promote efficient learning and student mastery of the material. These include, in each chapter, an integrated pedagogical system, sections on Thinking Critically, Focus on Research, and Linkages, along with an Active Review section.

Integrated Pedagogical System

Essentials of Psychology features an integrated pedagogical system designed to help students get the most out of their reading. Based on the proven SQ3R study system (discussed in detail in Chapter 6, “Memory”), learning aids in each chapter include:

- **Preview questions** To help students survey and question the material, each chapter opens with a full outline, a brief preview statement, and a list of questions related to the key topic of each main section of the chapter. Those questions are repeated within the chapter above the coverage that answers the question, and they appear again in the Active Review, where they help to organize the chapter summary.
- **Margin glossary** Key terms are defined in the margin of the page where they appear, reinforcing core concepts without interrupting the flow of reading. In the Active Review section at the end of each chapter, a definition exercise helps students restate these core concepts in their own words.
- **Instructional captions** Captions to all figures, tables, photographs, and cartoons also reiterate core concepts and help students learn to interpret visual information.
- **In Review charts** In Review charts summarize information in a convenient tabular format. We have placed two or three In Review charts strategically in each chapter to help students synthesize and assimilate large chunks of information—for example, on drug effects, key elements in personality theories, and stress responses and mediators.

Thinking Critically

A special Thinking Critically section in each chapter helps students hone their abilities in this vital skill. Our approach to writing centers on describing research on psychological phenomena in a way that reveals the logic of the scientific method, identifies possible flaws in design or interpretation, and leaves room for more questions and further research. In other words, as authors/teachers, we try to model critical thinking processes for our readers. The Thinking Critically sections are designed to make these processes more explicit and accessible by providing readers with a framework for analyzing evidence before drawing conclusions. The framework is built around five ques-

tions that the reader should find useful in analyzing not only psychological research studies, but other forms of communication as well, including political speeches, advertising claims, and appeals for contributions. These five questions first appear in Chapter 1, when we introduce the importance of critical thinking, and they are repeated in every chapter's Thinking Critically section.

1. What am I being asked to believe or accept?
2. Is there evidence available to support the claim?
3. Can that evidence be interpreted another way?
4. What evidence would help to evaluate the alternatives?
5. What conclusions are most reasonable?

Using this simple yet powerful framework, we explore issues such as subliminal persuasion, pornography and aggression, recovered memories, and acupuncture, to name just a few. Page xv includes a complete list of the Thinking Critically features.

Focus on Research

Scientists in psychology have helped us to better understand behavior and mental processes through their commitment to empirical research. They have posed vital questions about psychological phenomenon and designed research that is capable of answering, or at least illuminating, those questions. In Chapter 1 we introduce readers to the methods of scientific research and to basic research designs in psychology. Every subsequent chapter features a Focus on Research section that highlights a particular research study to help students appreciate the value of research and the creativity with which psychologists have conducted it. Like the Thinking Critically sections, the Focus on Research features are organized around five questions designed to help readers organize their thinking about research questions and research results.

1. What was the researcher's question?
2. How did the researcher answer the question?
3. What did the researcher find?
4. What do the results mean?
5. What do we still need to know?

These Focus on Research sections help students to see how psychologists have used experiments, surveys, observations, and other designs to explore phenomena, such as learned helplessness, infant cognition, and cross-cultural attribution. A full list of the Focus on Research features appears on page xv.

Linkages

In our experience, introductory psychology students are better able to appreciate the scope of our discipline when they look at it not as a laundry list of separate topics but as an interrelated

set of subfields, each of which contributes to and benefits from the work going on in all of the others. To help students see these relationships, we have built into the book an integrating tool called Linkages. There are three elements in the Linkages program.

- **Linkages diagrams** The first figure in each chapter is a Linkages diagram, which presents a set of questions that illustrate three of the ways in which material in the chapter is related to other chapters in the book. For example, the Linkages diagram in Chapter 2, “Biology and Behavior,” contains questions that show how biological psychology is related to consciousness (“Does the brain shut down when we sleep?”), human development (“How do our brains change over a lifetime?”), and psychological disorders and treatment (“How do drugs help people who suffer from schizophrenia?”).
- **Cross-references** The page numbers following each question in the Linkages diagrams direct the student to pages that carry further discussion of that question. There, the linking question is repeated in the margin alongside the discussion.
- **Linkages sections** One of the questions in each chapter’s Linkages diagram is treated more fully in a special section later in the chapter entitled, appropriately enough, Linkages (see page xvi for a complete list).

These three elements combine with the text narrative to highlight the network of relationships among psychology’s subfields. This Linkages program is designed to help students see the “big picture” that is psychology—no matter how many chapters their instructor assigns, or in what sequence.

Active Review

Our focus on fostering learning and comprehension carries through to the end-of-chapter materials. The Active Review contains a chapter summary organized around the Preview Questions and a Review of Key Terms that asks students to write their own definitions of the terms from the chapter. Twenty multiple-choice questions give students valuable practice taking tests of conceptual and applied knowledge of the chapter’s key points; an answer key provided at the end of the text identifies and briefly explains each correct answer, and refers the students to the page on which the concept is first discussed. To Learn More provides an annotated list of courses, movies, books, and web-search key words to help students find additional information about each chapter’s topics.

TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT PACKAGE

Many useful materials have been developed to support *Essentials of Psychology*. Designed to enhance the teaching and learning experience, they are well integrated with the text and include some of the latest technologies.

Annotated Instructor’s Edition

Designed to help instructors coordinate the print, video, and software supplements available with the text, the Annotated Instructor’s Edition shows which materials apply to the content on each page of the student text. Annotations indicate learning objectives, test questions, discussion and lecture ideas, handouts, active learning activities, videodisk segments, computer simulations, overhead transparencies, and the like. A key identifying the supplements appears on the inside front cover.

Print Supplements for the Instructor

Instructor’s Resource Manual Developed for the brief course by Amanda Allman, M.A., University of Illinois, the *Instructor’s Resource Manual* includes discussion, activity, and lecture suggestions and handouts for each chapter, as well as a video guide and a pedagogical strategy section on active learning, critical thinking, using Linkages, and research focuses. It introduces the learning objectives that unify the *Instructor’s Resource Manual*, *Test Bank*, and *Study Guide*.

Printed Test Bank Written by Amanda Allman, the *Test Bank* includes 100 multiple-choice and three essay questions per chapter. Every multiple-choice question is keyed to pages in the student text and to the learning objectives that also appear in the IRM and Study Guide. Each question is identified by whether it tests applied or factual knowledge. Many of the test items have been class-tested with between 500 and 2,500 students. A statistical performance analysis is provided for all class-tested questions. A Computerized Test Bank allows instructors to generate exams and to integrate their own test items with those on disk.

Electronic and Multimedia Supplements

Power Presentation Manager This powerful program allows instructors to create their own well-organized classroom presentations using line art, tables, outlines, and videodisc material, as well as their own resources.

Lecture Starter Video This videotape includes about sixty-five short (two- to seven-minute) video clips organized into thirty-four topical areas, designed to function as lecture or discussion starters. Visit Houghton Mifflin Company’s web site for the video guide, which includes description and discussion questions.

The Psychology Show This video supplement for introductory psychology is available in both videodisc and VHS format. Featuring one hour of video clip footage (nineteen segments) and numerous still images, *The Psychology Show* is designed to expand on the text’s coverage of major topical areas in psychology and stimulate class discussion. The accompanying guide offers information on each motion segment and provides bar codes for videodisc use.

PsychAbilities Simulations These thirteen computer simulations illustrate intriguing phenomena and recreate important psychological experiments. They are available on disk for use in the classroom or the computer laboratory.

PsychAbilities Web Site *PsychAbilities*, a teaching and learning web site, offers instructors and students access to interactive activities, links, study tools, and teaching materials for the introductory course. Visit the Psychology home page on Houghton Mifflin's College Division web site at <http://www.hmco.com>.

Overhead Transparencies The accompanying transparencies include over one hundred four-color images from the text and other sources.

Media Policy Ask your Houghton Mifflin representative about the additional videos and CD-ROMs available, including, among many videos, *The Brain* modules, *The Mind* modules, *Discovering Psychology*, and *The Psychology Show*.

Print and Electronic Supplements for the Student

Printed Study Guide Developed by Amanda Allman, the *Study Guide* augments the Active Review study materials built into every chapter of *Essentials of Psychology*. For each chapter, the *Study Guide* includes learning objectives, key term hints and examples, Concept Exercises, Critical Thinking exercises, Personal Learning Activities, and two multiple-choice quizzes with wrong-answer rejoinders and a self-diagnostic quiz analysis to pinpoint weak topic and cognitive skill areas.

Computerized Study Guide This interactive program gives students feedback on correct as well as incorrect answers.

Succeed in College! This skills-building booklet contains selected chapters from Walter Pauk's best-selling study skills text, *How to Succeed in College*. *Succeed in College!* offers time-tested advice on note taking, test taking, and other topics, as well as a section on careers in psychology, and it can be shrink-wrapped free of charge with new copies of *Essentials of Psychology* sold in North America.

Internet Guide The Internet Guide, which can be shrink-wrapped with new copies of *Essentials of Psychology*, introduces students to electronic mail, discussion groups, on-line journals, the World Wide Web, Usenet news groups, and numerous addresses and sites relevant to psychology.

Psychology in Context *Psychology in Context*, by David N. Sattler and Virginia Shabatay, is an exceptional reader of engaging first-person narratives and essays keyed to major psychological concepts, and it is available in a shrink-wrapped package with new copies of *Essentials of Psychology*.

PsychAbilities Web Site As described above, this dynamic site offers students access to a variety of unique Net resources and provides frequently updated links.

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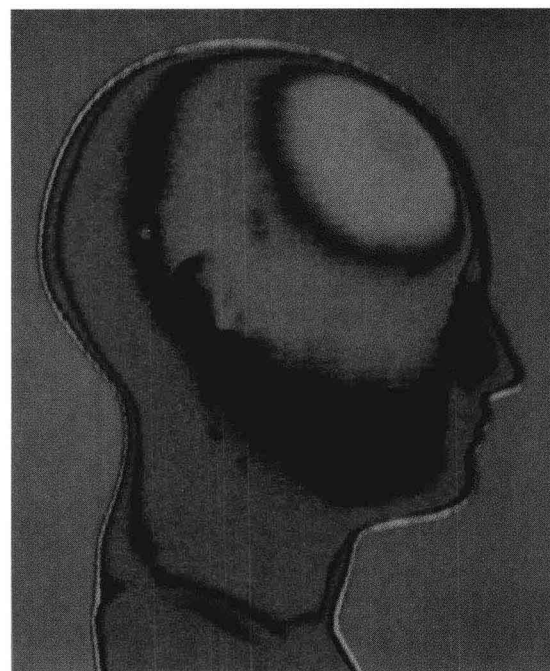
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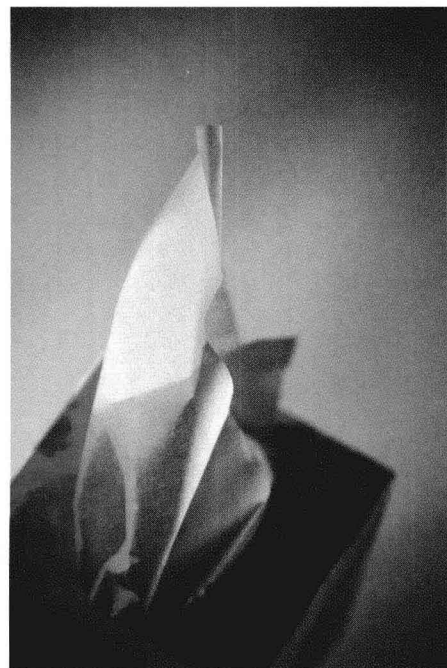
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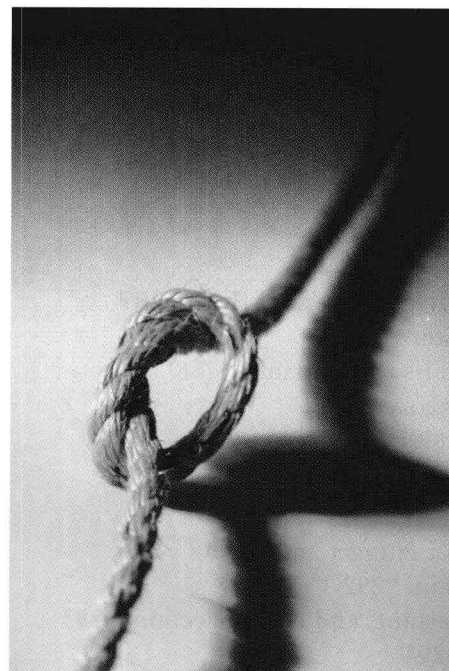
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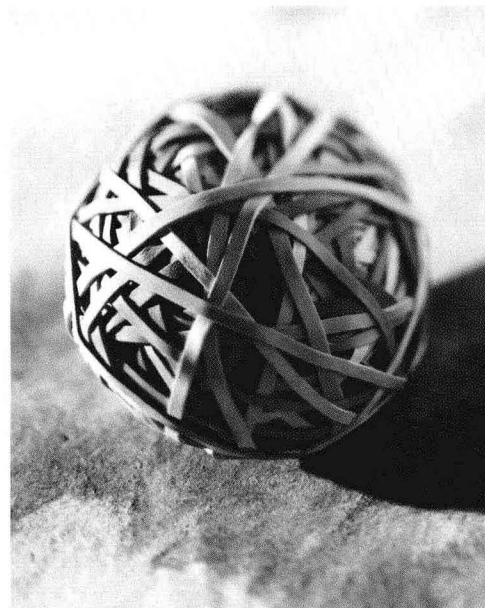
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