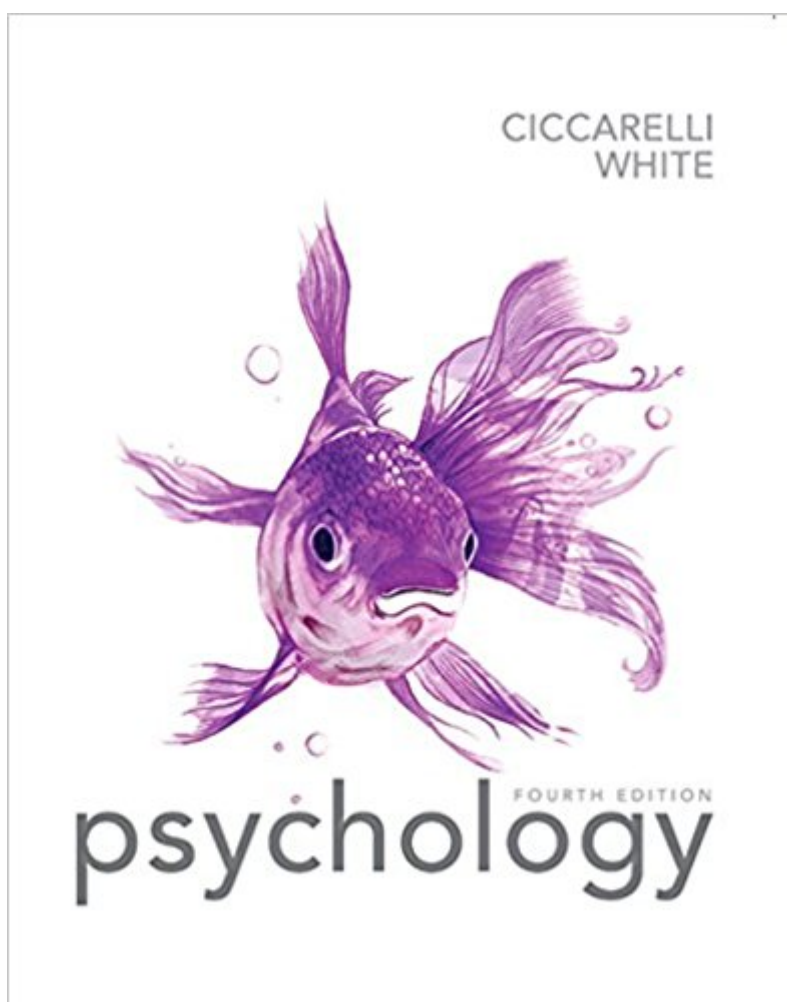


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This is a good psychology textbook for beginning psychology. The author's writing style flows well, is easy to read, and makes the topics come to life. It's not as "dry" as some other textbooks are. The chapter summaries and review questions make it easy to grasp the main concepts. There are also helpful online resources.

Taking a psychology class online right now. I found the previous owner's highlighted notes to be pretty helpful a lot of the time. The product was in pretty good condition too. Remember that the third edition differs from other editions, so if you're taking an online class like me it's important that you get the right edition (my class told us to get the 3rd edition, but a lot of the questions were built off of the 2nd edition, so sometimes we get a pass on some questions).

I used this textbook for my general psych class. I liked this textbook and thought it was very easy to navigate. It flows nicely and has good visuals. I hope my school continues to use this author's work, as it is very well-organized and made it easy to study for tests. Overall, I liked this textbook and think others would, too. From what I gather, they have come out with a new edition. I'm not sure how different the two are, but if this edition is any indication of what we can expect from the author, the new edition should be just as good.

Had to buy as new in order to get code for lab work; however, the code did not provide required access. Student had to pay an additional amount of money which was substantial. Although book arrived immediately and in new condition (in order to gain access to lab student must buy new book) this is a major rip off. All students had to pay again for lab!!!

Working with kids, you have to take an awful lot of psychology classes. (But it isn't awful, really!) Honestly all of the psychology books that I have ever purchased has helped me out in multiple psychology courses! But this one in particular was extremely helpful. I keep all my psychology books to look back on.

Psychology, 3rd edition is a decent introductory textbook. My main issue with the book is the frequent addition of asterisks* to define common words at the bottom of the page. The asterisks are somewhat insulting to the reader's intelligence, defining words like "marooned", "intact", "enticing", and "hostility". The body of the text is clear and easy to read, so the additional definitions are unnecessary for the average reader. I personally find it difficult to ignore these asterisks, since I am accustomed to seeing them used for relevant information. With this book I still pause out of habit when I reach an asterisk, then I usually have to go back and read the sentence over again because of the interruption. Wouldn't be an issue if they were actually providing helpful information. While this is a big distraction for me, others might not have any problem with it.

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