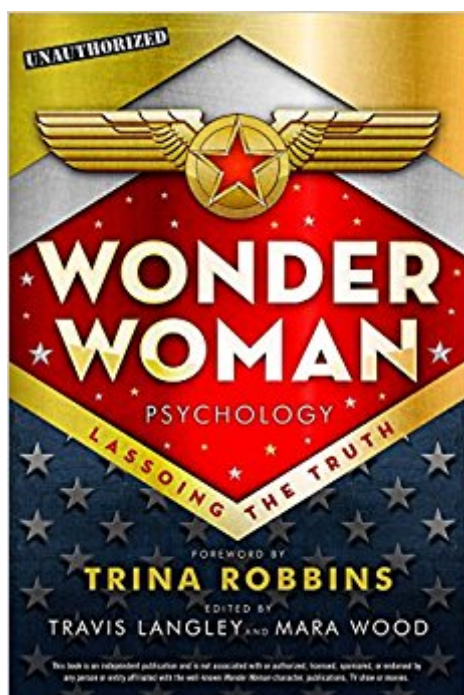


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Wonder Woman Psychology: Lassoing The Truth



Synopsis

Lasso the truth....A fascinating analysis of the psychology behind Wonder Woman. For 75 years, Wonder Woman has served as an inspiration to people everywhere. *Wonder Woman Psychology: Lassoing the Truth* examines this powerful superhero--who was created by famous psychologist William Moulton Marston--through 20 chapters, including some very special interviews and the previously unpublished memoir of Elizabeth Holloway Marston. This collection analyzes Marston's important role in the history of forensic psychology. How Diana's relationship with her mother and her sisters shapes her to become a leader and the heroine called Wonder Woman. The ways differences in culture and gender can contribute to alienation but also to personal empowerment. What roles emotion, strengths, virtues, and culture shock play in heroic behavior. And what it truly means to be a wonder. Contributors: Jenna Busch * Erin Currie * Wind Goodfriend * Annamaria Formichella-Elsden * Tim Hanley * J. Scott Jordan * Lara Taylor Kester * Nina Taylor Kester * Alan Kistler * Rebecca M. Langley * Travis Langley * Martin Lloyd * Emilio J. C. Lobato * Mike Madrid * Elizabeth Holloway Marston * Jeff Pisciotta * Trina Robbins * Janina Scarlet * Laura Vecchiolla * Eric D. Wesselman * Mara Wood * Caitlin Yogerst * Chris Yogerst * E. Paul Zehr

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"No question whatsoever - this book is hands down the best Wonder Woman book I've ever read!! Enormous thanks to Travis Langley and his very impressive (and very extensive!)

contributors." - Christie Marston (Wonder Woman Network; Wonder Woman Family Museum)"Absolutely fantastic!"- Retroist"A phenomenal job.... Wonder Woman Psychology: Lassoing the Truth is thought-provoking and educational, but delivered in a format that acknowledges the character's enduring entertainment value and celebrates her well-deserved return to prominence in a traditionally male-dominated field. A must read for fans of Wonder Woman, both old and new."- The Quillery

What are the benefits of compassion? How can gender roles affect leadership potential? Does attachment to a strong parent foster independence, morality, and heroism? Did the creator of the superhero with a Lasso of Truth really invent the lie detector--and is it really a Lasso of Truth?

An excellent resource for understanding the history and psychology behind Wonder Woman. Whether you're new to the character and want to know where she came from or are a longtime fan and want to delve more deeply into her underpinnings, Wonder Woman Psychology is a great read. It's a collection of essays by various writers who cover a wide range of Wonder Woman-related topics, covering her 75-year history. Highly highly highly recommended!

Excellent

I absolutely love these books. They are so fun to learn more about the character and what makes them, them even as fictional characters. This book focused so much on Wonder Woman's creation, her creator and his deeply held feminist beliefs. You learn he helped create the lie detector test, he believed strongly in a future matriarch and women were perfectly capable of surviving and thriving in charge. I loved the look at why Wonder Woman does what she does, her search for truth, her beginnings and continued story. She is legendary and will always be legendary. She's a role model, first for women, next for everybody. I love learning more about the inner workings of heroes.

Wonder Woman Psychology; Lassoing the Truth takes an in-depth look into what makes the world's most powerful female superhero tick. The Princess was created by psychologist William Moulton Marston, under the pen name of Charles Moulton. It was Marston's wife, Elizabeth Holloway Marston, who suggested he make the comic about a woman. Editors Travis Langley and Mara Wood do a phenomenal job covering portions of Marston's personal history and theories, as well as educating readers on the psychology of Wonder Woman; a morally healthy character. Wonder

Woman Psychology is packed with many A-list of contributors beginning with the writer of the foreword, Trina Robbins, the first woman artist/writer to work on the Wonder Woman comics. In addition to Robbins, the book also includes a short interview by entertainment journalist Jenna Busch of Susan Eisenberg, who voiced Wonder Woman in the Justice League animated series. The peppering of panels from the comics serve to highlight many of the key analyses, and I especially liked the timeline of entertainment firsts. For example, many people may not realize that Wonder Woman's first live action performance was by Cathy Lee Crosby in a 1974 television movie and not Lynda Carter in the widely popular 1975 television series. One of the most fascinating chapters is a portion of a memoir written by Elizabeth Holloway Marston entitled "The Tale of a Manx Cat". According to the editors, this piece has never before appeared in print. In it, E.H. Marston details her youth, provides glimpses of her courtship with W.M. Marston and ends shortly after the birth of the couple's first child. As a lifelong Wonder Woman fan I learned more than I expected from this book. For instance, I was engrossed by the chapter in which Wood discusses Marston's DISC theory which has been recognized for its importance in the history of psychology. Marston's theory, which stands for Dominance, Inducement, Submission and Compliance, is explained via examples from Wonder Woman's own history which makes it easy to understand and engaging. Another highlight for me was the chapter by Mike Madrid and Rebecca M. Langley, dealing with "Parenting Issues in Paradise." I found the discussion on the attachment theory to be very insightful to both Wonder Woman's psyche and my own. The wide array of contributors, who range from comic book historians, martial artists, therapists, and Ph.D.s in psychology among other professions, makes this non-fiction book about a fictional character very appealing. Each essay sheds light on the complexities of Wonder Woman's character while also equating her issues with themes and topics that are relevant in the real world. Wonder Woman Psychology: Lassoing the Truth is thought-provoking and educational, but delivered in a format that acknowledges the character's enduring entertainment value and celebrates her well-deserved return to prominence in a traditionally male-dominated field. A must read for fans of Wonder Woman, both old and new.

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