50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology: Shattering Widespread Misconceptions about Human Behavior
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DESCRIPTION

50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology uses popular myths as a vehicle for helping students and laypersons to distinguish science from pseudoscience.

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• Explores topics that readers will relate to, but often misunderstand, such as 'opposites attract', 'people use only 10% of their brains', and 'handwriting reveals your personality'

• Provides a 'mythbusting kit' for evaluating folk psychology claims in everyday life

• Teaches essential critical thinking skills through detailed discussions of each myth

• Includes over 200 additional psychological myths for readers to explore

Contains an Appendix of useful Web Sites for examining psychological myths

• Features a postscript of remarkable psychological findings that sound like myths but that are true

• Engaging and accessible writing style that appeals to students and lay readers alike
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