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Editorial Review

Review

"Simply speaking, this is my pick for the best book of 2012. A fantastic look into the inner workings of one of comic book's most compelling, dynamic characters; a masterfully written analysis/love note to the Dark Knight." - Stephen Harvey, FindYourGeek.com

"Langley cleverly combines his two loves, as evinced by the title, to create a work that will draw the most disinterested psychology students in by using the seemingly universally loved Byronic hero of Batman." - Geekscape.net

"Dr. Langley puts this masked vigilante and his admirers on the analyst couch to examine what makes him--and us--tick. A revealing look at Bruce Wayne and his alter-ego." - Barnes & Noble

"If you love Batman you will love this book. If you love psychology you will love this book! Do not worry about getting lost though, as Langley does an excellent job explaining everything he discusses... A book you shouldn't pass up, as once you start reading it you simply will not be able to put it down!" - International House of Geek

"...more entertaining than many of the others which populate the ever-growing field of texts about pop culture and the sciences. Rather than just telling us what we should know or think about Batman, the book supplements our own interest in the hero, and provokes us to think more about what's going on in his head." - StarPulse.com

From the Author

"I'll never get to meet the late Bob Kane or Bill Finger. We can't chat about their creations. I can't watch them greet fans, hear them recount anecdotes from their amazing lives, or thank them for everything they set in motion and all that their legacy has meant - not face-to-face anyway. This book is more than my answer to a question Adam West, the man who played my childhood hero, once asked me. It's my heartfelt 'thank you' to Bob and Bill. Jerry too." - Travis Langley, author of *Batman and Psychology: A Dark and Stormy Knight*, from his acknowledgments.

"...scholarly and insightful... His professional credentials, mixed with his love for the comic books and the character of Batman, create a fascinating, entertaining, and educational read." - Bat-Films executive producer Michael Uslan (*Batman*, *Batman Begins*, *The Dark Knight Rises*), from his foreword to *Batman and Psychology: A Dark and Stormy Knight*.

"It is a terrific book. It explores the psychological implications of Batman's various incarnations, in print and on screens both large and small, and in the process gives us a pretty thorough biography of Batman, his friends, and his enemies... It serves as a witty and absolutely clear introduction to psychology, especially clinical psychology." - comic book writer and editor Dennis O'Neil (*Batman*, *Detective Comics*), from his introduction to *Batman and Psychology: A Dark and Stormy Knight*.

From the Back Cover

Does the Dark Knight have bats in his belfry?

Why does Batman *really* wear a costume to fight crime?

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Combining psychological theory with the latest in psychological research, *Batman and Psychology* takes you on an unprecedented journey behind the mask and into the dark mind of your favorite Caped Crusader and his never-ending war on crime.

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