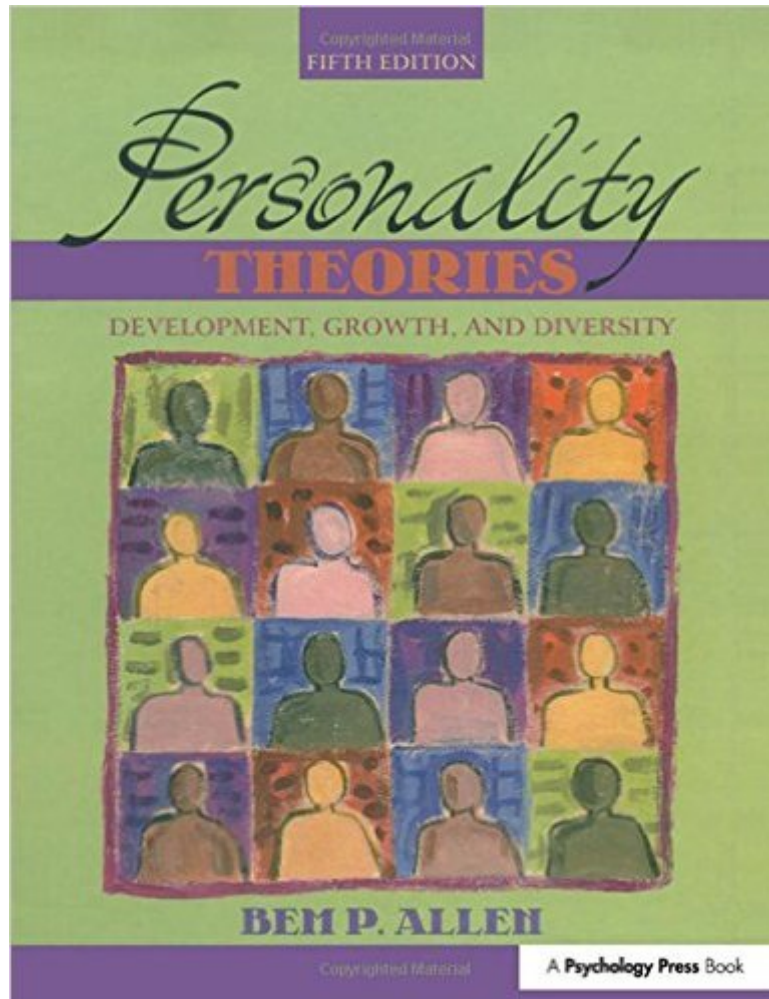


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This text provides a comprehensive introduction to the key personality theorists by combining biographical information on each theorist with his or her contributions to the field, including her or his ranking among the world's most respected psychologists. In addition, Allen provides a tabular format "that is, a running comparison between the major theorists, allowing students to analyze new theories against theories learned in previous chapters. The unique style of Allen's book is strengthened through his conversational tone, enabling students to easily grasp an understanding of the key people and movements in the field of personality.

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The book does a poor job with definitions. A high level overview of each Personality Theorist is provided with random dives into miniscule details about some aspects while only brushing over other details. Things that were important to me, I had to go elsewhere to find because the book simply mentioned it in as little as one sentence, while other seemingly trivial issues were scrutinized over the course of pages. The review section of each chapter was modest at best. The few discussion questions often read like "which three items were NOT mentioned in this book" almost as if the book were meant to be a supplement and not the primary text. There are a lot of

interesting personal details about each Theorist at the beginning of each chapter. But the haphazard nature of the coverage of critical and trivial issues makes the book suspect at best in my opinion.

Good texts deliver information efficiently, are organized logically, and concise. Texts are great if they are also a pleasure to read. This text fails on all accounts. The author attempted to make it an interesting read by including personal information about each theorists and analogous examples but failed to consolidate or organize the information logically. It attempts to cover far more material than necessary and does a poor job of organizing or explaining that which it does cover. This book leaves much to be desired.

Concise information that is easy to read about various personologists and other psychologists that formed a theory about personality development. Freud starts the chapters off - but you quickly realize the entire book is about moving away from Freud. The book evolves to theorists that have brought self-efficacy and positivity - and personal responsibility - into the world. Each chapter discusses one (sometimes two) theorist, their biography, theories, and pro's and con's. The summaries are about 2-3 pages, and chapter starts out with a web link. No one can remember every personality theory so this is a great book that you can refer to in order to refresh your memory. I will not resell this one - but I did buy mine used at .

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