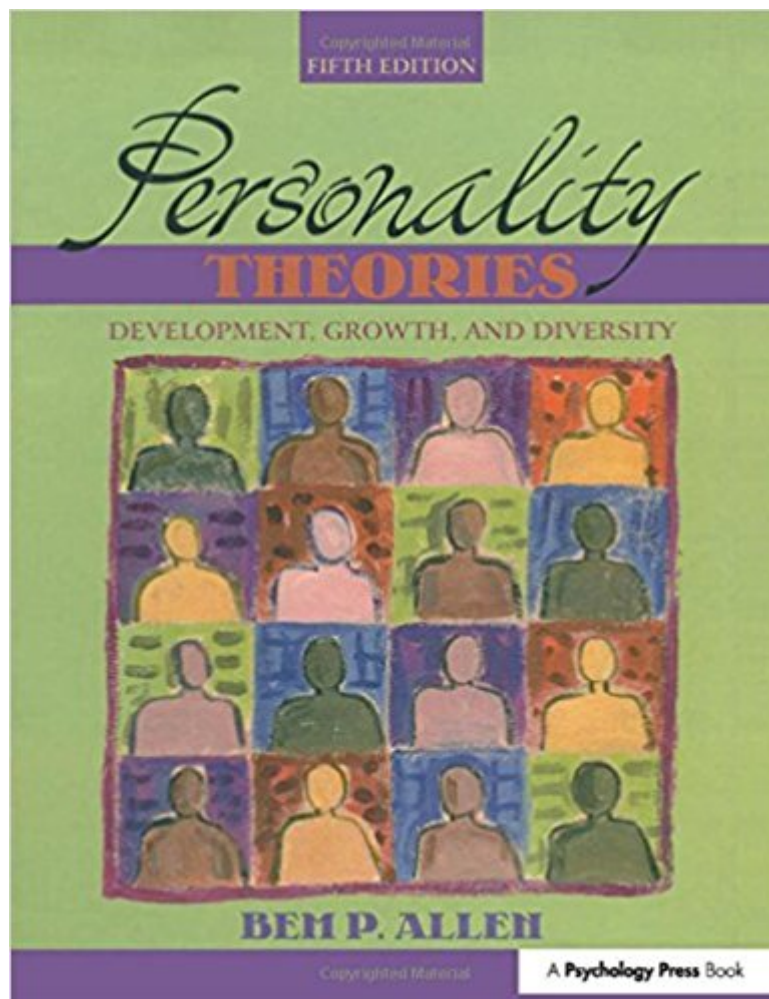




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# Personality Theories: Development, Growth, And Diversity (5th Edition)



## Synopsis

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This comprehensive text, organized by individual theorists, examines the major movements in the field of personality through a historic and humanistic approach. Personality Theories provides a comprehensive introduction to key personality theorists by combining their biographical information with their contributions to the field and their ranking among the world's most respected psychologists. In addition, Allen provides a tabular format, a running comparison between the major theorists, which allows students to analyze new theories with respect to theories learned in previous chapters. The unique style of Allen's book is strengthened through his conversational tone, allowing students to easily become familiar with the key people and movements in the field of personality. Features Offers an abundance of case studies and examples of real human functioning to help deepen students' understanding of the concepts. Highlights diversity issues as part of Allen's humanistic approach to psychology. Includes the latest

information on subtle forms of racism; happiness and positive psychology; extraversion; Freud's meetings with other psychologists; Jung's dabbling in parapsychology; the worldwide practical impact of Bandura's ideas; rejection sensitivity; impulse control; the relationship between IQ, genes, and race; the neurophysiology of personality (in plain language); and many other thought-provoking topics. Explores controversial topics, including evolutionary theory applied to jealousy, whether races exist, and the 'repressed memories' controversy. Reviews and analyzes one of the most famous therapy sessions in psychology's history; Rogers's interaction with Gloria. Contains chapter opening questions that frame the material and are later reinforced through summary points as well as essay/critical thinking questions at the end of each chapter. New To This Edition Includes a new chapter that synthesizes the entire book by comparing theorists on several philosophical, empirical, and methodological aspects, as well as a summary table that compares all the theorists at a glance. Provides each theorist's current ranking among today's most prominent psychologists in the evaluation section of his or her chapter. Examines the statuses of two new factors affecting the field; the Big 5 Personality Trait Theory and locating genes underlying personality traits. Features the research results of many international personologists as well as an extensive reference list, which includes more than 150 new references to state of the art personality research.

Bem P. Allen, Jr., Ph.D. has conducted research in personality-social psychology as well as distance perception and memory. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Society for Personality Assessment, and recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award. Professor Allen has also received the WIU Award for Excellence in Diversity and Multicultural Programing, Sigma Xi (1976) and College of Arts and Sciences Researcher of the Year (1990). He was Appointed Consulting Editor for Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality and Individual Differences Section (journal of the APA) effective January, 1, 1989; reappointed for 1990-91 and has served as reviewer for many personality and social psychology journals.

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 where

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.

read this whole book and love it! helped me succeed in my class that it was for, Got an A!! It is not boring at all goes in depth about personality theories and their theorists. super interesting!

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.

My class requires the next version of the text, but there's no difference besides the summary chapter. Save yourself \$60 and get this. Updated: I passed the class just fine with this book. No need for the newer edition. Save some \$\$\$\$!

Great book, great author. Arrived on time.

The textbook arrived on time but I did not receive it in the condition described. However, the issues were minor. The textbook itself is very informative though it definitely did not rely on any visuals to convey the facts. It gave in depth explanation of each psychologists' theories.

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