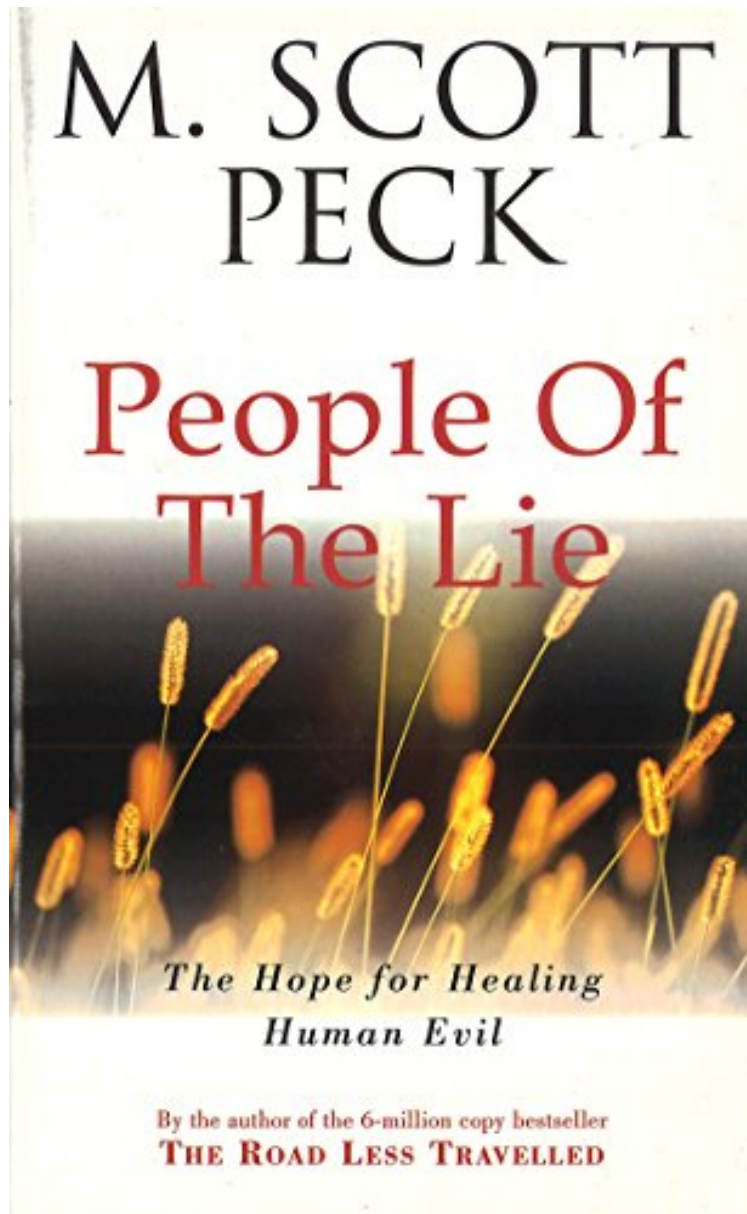


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Von *M. Scott Peck*

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Von M. Scott Peck : The People Of The Lie: Hope for Healing Human Evil (New-age) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The People Of The Lie: Hope for Healing Human Evil (New-age):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen10 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Interesting but flawed
Von Peter Uys
The author writes from a mainstream Christian perspective, which is certainly legitimate. He describes certain case studies where the patients suffered from extreme narcissism. I am not convinced that all the cases represent the narcissistic form of evil that Peck tries to define; some may instead be exhibiting psychopathy or types of schizophrenia. In one case, for example, the pathology exhibited itself as victimless if one exempts the patient herself from victim status. Peck sets forth a case for a scientific study of evil and writes engagingly about mental illness and the naming of evil. He also investigates the phenomena of possession and exorcism. It becomes quite interesting when he looks at the fiction of J R R Tolkien and the work of Erich Fromm and Martin Buber and when he discusses the three major theological models of evil, i.e. the nondualism of certain Eastern faiths, the integrated dualism espoused by Buber and the traditional Christian one of diabolic dualism as he terms it. Where the author goes wrong in a big way, is in his study of the My Lai atrocity or rather the conclusions he draws from it: his suggestion for a military draft (involuntary service) and his criticism of specialisation. Here he reveals some utopian notions that I find very questionable. A compulsory draft goes against the principles of individual freedom and besides, utopian schemes invariably turns out evil. The good doctor should know that by now. The coercion involved in society laying that sort of claim on the individual is a totalitarian concept that is by definition evil. Another misconception that I noticed is that Dr Peck still thinks that psychotherapy is a universally good idea, notwithstanding all evidence to the contrary. In addition, he claims that most psychologists are kind, gentle people. That has not been the case in my personal experience or in the literature. It would not surprise me if narcissism were as prevalent amongst psychotherapists as it is in the general population. In this way Dr Peck acts as an apologist for psychotherapy as he also did with his mega selling book *The Road Less Travelled*. No doubt this therapy has helped some people but it is not the panacea Dr Peck would like to make it. With all of the above provisos, I still recommend this book. *People Of The Lie* contains enough that is thought provoking and does provide some original insights while asking some provocative questions.

8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Thought Provoking!
Von Ein Kunde
This is a controversial book and, though I don't agree with all that Scott Peck says, it's certainly worth reading. This book framed evil in such a way that made it easily recognizable (confusion, grandiosity, etc.). I do question Peck's judgment of some as "evil." Labeling people as such excludes them from the rest of humanity -- it's a form of scapegoating which, ironically, is one of the very features of evil, as defined by Peck! It would seem that, when fighting evil, you run the risk of becoming "evil" yourself. This is what makes this book so thought-provoking. It's ironic that this book is written by a therapist. I myself never encountered "evil" until I saw a therapist some years ago for a brief period of time. The therapist routinely lied, had girlfriends and family members in his group therapy, scapegoated emotionally dependent group therapy clients when they challenged him on ethical violations which caused injury to the very people he was supposed to protect, etc. I experienced profound confusion and repulsion with this man. Now, years later, Peck's book has helped me understand why I wish someone would write a book on "evil" people who use the healing and spiritual professions as a means of controlling others. It's a very real problem.

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Von fdoamerica
"Evil is the exercise of power, the imposing of one's will upon others by overt or covert coercion". "The core of evil is ego-centricity, whereby others are sacrificed rather than the ego of the individual." These words and the following analysis that Scott Peck gives us into the world of evil are sorely needed now in America. At the heart of our political and moral melt down is the force of evil. According to Dr. Peck (psychology) the ego-centric person is utterly dedicated to preserving their self serving image. They cultivate an image of being a good, right, God fearing citizen. They specialize in self-deceit and thus are People of the Lie. Scott Peck is best known for his famed book *The Road Less Traveled* where Peck argues that there is a link between personal growth, spirituality, and basic mental health. In *People of the Lie* Scott Peck sees evil as the antithesis to the very goodness and life that normal, healthy people seek. He writes this book to raise the aware that evil exists as an entity and force in the world and calls his readers to take evil far more seriously. Recommended.

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