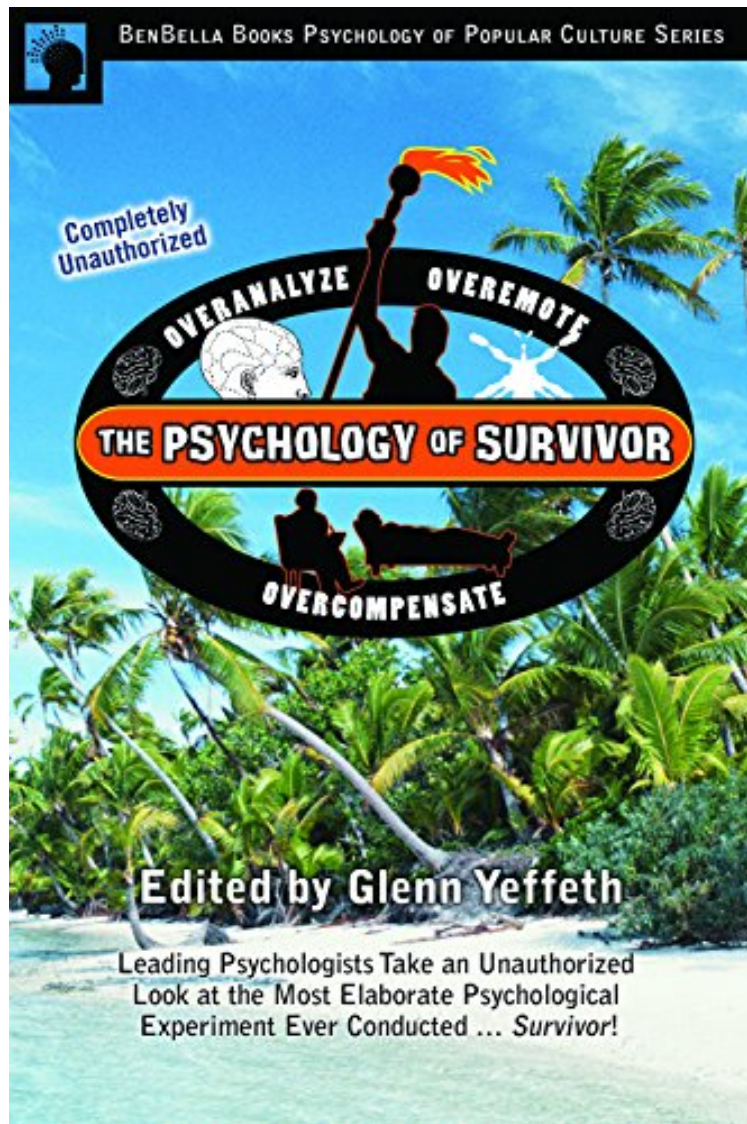


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Psychology of Survivor: Leading Psychologists Take an Unauthorized Look at the Most Elaborate Psychological Experiment Ever Conducted . . . Survivor!* (Psychology of Popular Culture):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Dated, not very insightful  
By Ian Valenzuela  
This book may have been published too soon, or else it needs a new edition. Many of the conclusions inside have been contradicted, or transcended, by seasons aired after they were published. The information contained in there that was relevant was not exceptionally brilliant: people under stress act differently than people in comfort. First impressions last. True, but trite, and it doesn't take a psychologist to make such observations.  
5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Fans of the TV series will enjoy this substantially more than the non-fan.  
By THowerton  
Helping to put the "pop" in popular psychology this compendium of essays about aspects of the human mind and behavior within the game show of Survivor has some fun moments to it but ultimately feels dated and doesn't stray into much territory outside of Social Psychology. That shouldn't surprise (and maybe I was looking for more?) as SP primarily deals with behaviors within and influenced by social settings and concerns, but there isn't much in this book that will inform a person beyond what they would encounter in a mediocre Social Psychology college textbook. The infamous Stanley Milgram "shock" study and the Stanford Prison Experiment get their mentions, and there comes to be a bit of discussion about the fundamental attribution error and cognitive dissonance. The book feels dated because there is so much focus on especially the first season (though seasons up through Vanuatu are discussed or referenced if I remember correctly) and on Richard Hatch in particular. Perhaps my favorite essay was the tongue-in-cheek "Quadruple-D" which was written as a mock note to a television producer encouraging the gameshow of the future that would utilize deception, disgust, deprivation and danger.  
In conclusion I give the book 3.5 stars, but only because I won't be confined to 's limited rating system! Now what does that say about me, students of psychology?  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Survivor Fans Must Buy  
By Customer  
As a student of the game, Survivor, this is with out a doubt a great read

Survivor has proven to be one of the most popular shows to ever hit television screens. What has this pop culture phenomenon shown us by placing a few hundred people on islands around the world about the psychological make-up of the average American? In *Psychology of Survivor*, the third installment of BenBella Books's *Psychology of Popular Culture* series, leading psychologists and fans of Survivor unite to offer up their expertise on the show that started the reality show craze. From why macho alpha males rarely win to stress and body image, from situational ethics to the dreaded Rob Cestaries factor, *Psychology of Survivor* is a broad look at cutting-edge psychological issues through the lens of Survivor. The tribe has spoken *Psychology of Survivor* is the best book for Survivor fans and psychology enthusiasts alike!

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