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### Editorial Review

#### Review

"An intelligent and thoroughly entertaining compilation of essays that should be of equal interest to comic book fans and psychology buffs alike." - Pop Mythology

"A thought-provoking collection..." - Comics Grinder

"This book is wonderfully fascinating and helps shine a whole new light on comics, and the critical implications of these stories. You are even treated to a forward written by Stan Lee and his view on the deeper meanings of comic book characters. If you're looking to delve deeper into the mythos, crack this open immediately." - Geek Chic Elite

"Of course more than a few of the essays examine the psychological make up needed to become a hero, whether that be from childhood traumas to the ability to listen to one's inner voice, to perhaps more importantly put the needs of others before the self as well as the legacies we build with symbolism and how it affects the real world. ...varied and educated looks at not just Steve Rogers and Tony Stark but ourselves." - Retroist

"Travis Langley has pulled together an entertaining collection of essays in *Captain America vs. Iron Man: Freedom, Security, Psychology* to discuss these great responsibilities. It is the perfect companion for the philosophical fan who wants to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a hero or for the casual fan who just left the theater wanting to slip into their hero's shoes." - Amazing Stories

#### From the Author

"I think that anybody reading these stories about these characters should just sit back and expect to be amazed and astonished by *Captain America vs. Iron Man*, and hopefully to see things that they hadn't expected to see." - Stan Lee, from his foreword.

"It's not all about one climactic confrontation between characters. We examine stories spun over the course of decades, the better part of a century, in looking at the superheroes and how their experiences reflect the psychology of real human beings." - Travis Langley, from his introduction.

"The human struggle continues, and this is part of being alive. Superheroes never fully vanquish supervillains, police never remove all criminals from the streets, and doctors never cure all diseases, but the effort along the way accomplishes much good and lets people learn about themselves and others who share the same world." - Travis Langley, from his afterword.

#### About the Author

Travis Langley, PhD, is a psychology professor at Henderson State University, the author of *Batman and Psychology* (Wiley), and the volume editor and lead writer of *The Walking Dead Psychology*, *Game of Thrones Psychology*, *Star Wars Psychology*, *Star Trek Psychology*, *Doctor Who Psychology*, and *Captain America vs. Iron Man* (Sterling). He speaks regularly on media and heroism at popular culture conventions and academic conferences including San Diego Comic-Con, New York Comic Con, and Wizard World

conventions across the land. *Necessary Evil: Super-Villains of DC Comics* and other films have featured him as an expert interviewee, and the documentary *Legends of the Knight* spotlighted how he uses fiction to teach real psychology. *Psychology Today* carries his blog, "Beyond Heroes and Villains." With over 100,000 followers, he ranks among the 10 most popular psychologists on Twitter: @Superherologist.

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