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This book provides what Christine Harris and Peter Salovey accurately describe in the concluding chapter as "the broadest and most intriguing selection of scholarly research focused on envy published to date." The collection comprises 18 chapters organized into five discipline-defined sections. The first section looks at the philosophical, theological, and evolutionary foundations of envy. The next three cover, respectively, social psychological perspectives; organizational psychology, economics, consumer psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience; and health. The final section offers a summation and conclusion. Although social psychologists are the largest group of contributors, the chapters span an unusual and impressive breadth of scholarship. This is probably not a book many will want to read word for word from beginning to end, but it is certainly a necessary and provocative resource on an intriguing topic.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through faculty and professionals.

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