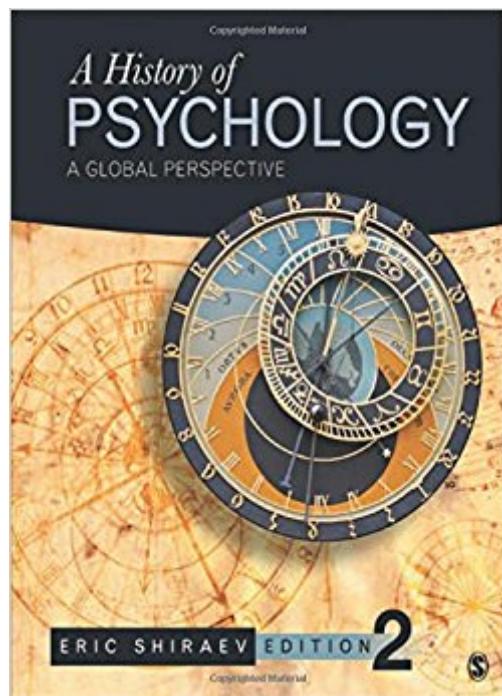


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The second edition of *A History of Psychology* is much more attractive than the first edition. It has a very attractive cover, the text and cover is printed in color, and this edition is easy to read; i.e., either as a resource, for use as a textbook, or as a book to study from cover to cover. A student can use

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