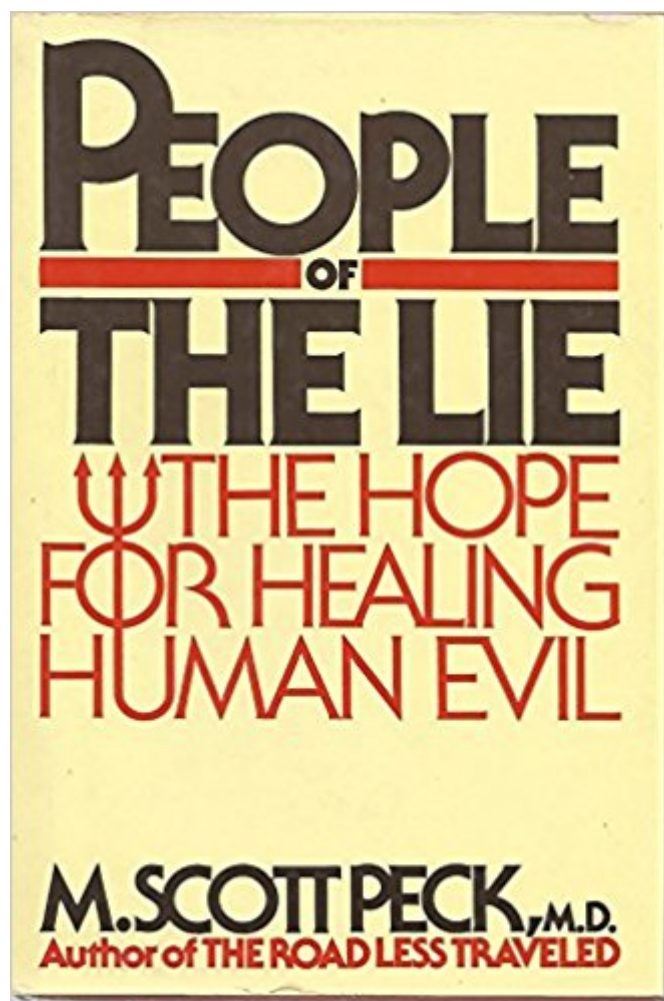




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# People Of The Lie: The Hope For Healing Human Evil



## Synopsis

So compelling in its exploration of the human psyche, it's as hard to put down as a thriller...such a force of energy, intensity, and straightforwarness. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

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M. Scott Peck, M.D. is the author of the New York Times best-seller *The Road Less Traveled*, with six million copies in print. His other books include *Further Along the Road Less Traveled*, *The Road Less Traveled and Beyond*, *Meditations from the Road and Golf and the Spirit*. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Scott Peck is a psychiatrist turned author and lecturer. His name is a household word with the self-help crowd. In *People of the Lie*, Peck takes on the topic of evil. The "volume" cited is not an abridgment but a group of case studies from the first chapters of the book, along with commentary. The presentations are consistently well done. Peck reads with a soft, yet strong voice that is both self-assured and reassuring. D.W.K. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Meaningful analysis. It's good to have an internationally famous psychiatrist affirm the reality of human evil. We all wish it weren't there, and could simply be ascribed to "attachment failure" and/or "emotional maladjustment," but we know better. Evil is real, and must be recognized and dealt with as such.

Good book, kind of dark because of the subject, but I needed to read a book about people who lie all the time. Couldn't figure out why they did this, now I know why and it kind of relieved my mind.

"People of the Lie" is one of Scott Peck's best books. Its stated purpose is to open discussion on the subject of human evil. (Evil is biophobic -- life destroying, while good is biophilic -- life giving.) Peck divides the subject well, and conveys his concepts by way of stories. People who, on the outside seem good, can be evil. This book isn't written in academic language, and is understandable by anyone interested in the subject of human evil. It does, however, require some concentration in places, as the subject is non-trivial. I strongly recommend it for anyone interested in how to recognize and deal with evil, and, of course, for any of Peck's many fans. Note this is a 1998 printing of a 1980's book. However, the only indication of this is some discussion of events in the Vietnam war. All else is sufficiently timeless so that era is not identifiable.

This is a book that explores dishonesty. The lies people tell themselves (and others) to get through the day. Little white lies are harmless...aren't they? But this dishonesty can open the door to darkness. A well written, thought provoking work. The case studies are fascinating and absorbing.

This book provided me insight to dealing with specific types of people that I have encountered. The book was recommended to me by a close friend when I was forced into a situation with an individual that acted in a manner that was inconsistent with the realities of the world. Their past changed to put themselves in the best light, always considered themselves as a victim, and never forget a wrong (real or imagined) by another individual. This book will NOT help you change that person, but it will help you coexist when you are forced to be in their world. The biggest help was the revaluation that these people function successfully because of people who enable them, Why do people enable them? Read the book. Great book for obtaining insights into people that appear to change stories of their life to match their own view of reality. It is their world, you are only visiting.

I read this book when it first came out and it has helped me tremendously through the years. I have given away several copies to friends who I thought might benefit from it. Every few years I seem to read it again. I have been much more able to identify and avoid certain people who were harming me and would of continued to harm me had I stuck around. I was able to move on knowing I needn't feel guilty no matter how hard the perpetrators tried to make me feel just that. The amazing thing

was it was almost as if he knew them personally he pegged their actions so accurately. I would say the book is very insightful and helpful and I recommend it often. If you are unhappy and you can't quite figure out why, if things always seem to go wrong for you (flat tire when your ready to go to a job interview- things like that) it might not all be just 'bad luck'. It might be bad people in your life and you might be really surprised when you can actually point them out. Might be they have been next to you so long their tricks have become an almost accepted part of your life. No one has to accept being an amusement for an evil person. If you can ID them and the harmful things they do you can take the first step towards happiness by getting them out of your life. This is one of those books that will help you identify the evil people around you, help you protect yourself from them and most importantly help you make sure you don't become one of them.

Dr. Peck, building on the work and insights of others, presents an accessible description and accounts of his personal interactions with genuine Human Evil. "Evil" is defined, illustrated, and described. What was gripping in reading his work is that, to a reflective soul, one can see how close we all come to - or are - evil. Beyond that, a very few of the interactions I have personally had in the past that left me dazed and confused now seem clearer. Soul searching and clarifying - an important work in the arena of human personality.

I read this, and wow, the people I worked with throughout. You need to read this if you are dealing with sociopaths and psychopaths. I think this book holds the most hope for the victims of evil, SRA victims, adult survivors of alcoholics, etc.

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