

# Paul Bloom

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Award-winning Author

*Leading scientist and renowned speaker  
on the psychology of everyday life.*



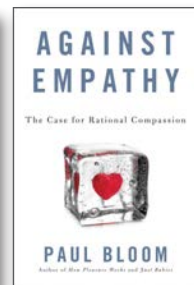
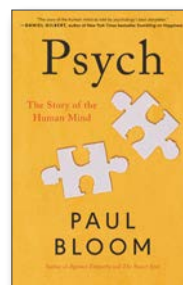
## Biography

Paul Bloom is a distinguished scientist and award-winning author with an international reputation. He is the Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Yale and a psychology professor at the University of Toronto. His work seeks to uncover how children and adults understand themselves, others, and the world at large, with a special focus on pleasure, morality, religion, fiction, and art. His research is heavily interdisciplinary, incorporating concepts from cognitive, social, and developmental psychology as well as evolutionary theory, behavioral economics, and philosophy.

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## Topics & Books

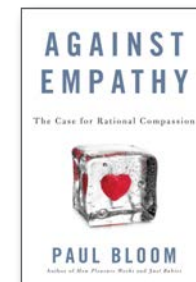
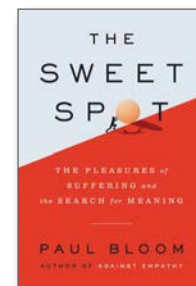
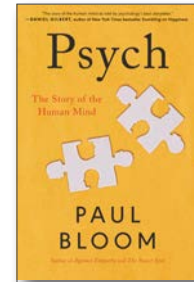
*Psychology  
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One of Yale's most renowned professors, he had the honor of having his immensely popular Intro to Psychology class be one of the first to be made available online for free through Open Yale Courses. The same course is now the basis for his latest release, *Psych*, a riveting guide to understanding ourselves and those around us. Fellow Yale psychology professor [Laurie Santos] (/speakers/lsantos) calls it a "fascinating deep dive into the mysteries of human psychology." In the accessible and engaging manner that trademarks both Bloom's teaching and writing styles, he challenges common psych theories, explores the most intimate aspects of human nature, and reveals what psychology can tell us about both the most pressing moral and political issues of our time as well as the key to living happy and fulfilling lives.

Prior to *Psych*, Bloom authored six other books which all get to the roots of different human phenomena such as empathy, morality, and pleasure, written to appeal to laymen and professionals alike: *The Sweet Spot*, *Against Empathy*, *Just Babies*, *How Pleasure Works*, *How Children Learn the Meanings of Words*, and *Descartes' Baby*.

Bloom's work has been published in scientific journals such as *Nature* and *Science*, and he writes frequently for popular publications including *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Atlantic*. He is the co-editor of *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* and the former president of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Among his numerous honors and awards are the Klaus J. Jacobs Award, the Stanton Prize, and the Eleanor Maccoby Book Award.



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