



Heart: A Personal Journey Through Its Myth and Meanings

By Gail Godwin

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New edition. 194 x 126 mm. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. To humans, the heart has always been more than flesh and blood. Rising above its biological function, it has, instead, become the symbol of our emotions. Fear, sadness, anger, love, restlessness, discernment, foreboding, pleasure, longing, comfort, pride, despair - all that signifies passion and the human spirit are the domain of the heart. Gail Godwin takes us on a breathtaking journey that spans the entire history of human civilization, combining literature, myth, religion, philosophy, medicine, the fine arts, and intensely personal stories from the writer's own past to explore the full and complex character of this unique icon. Godwin's explorations and meditations brilliantly track themes of the heart in life, legend, and in art: from the first drawing of the heart-shaped heart to the first valentine, from Gilgamesh to Confucius, from the heart of darkness to wearing one's heart on one's sleeve.



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We'll go through step by step in one of its clearest depictions: The Book of the Dead in the Papyrus of Ani. Ani was a Theban Scribe in the 19th Dynasty and although this depiction of the ceremony is from that time period, the weighing of the heart has much older roots, just like the Book of the Dead itself. But before we dive into the ceremony, let's take a quick look at the process leading up to it. Prefer to watch? In the Papyrus of Ani, you see him and his wife ThuThu walking towards the scales. Ani's heart, or his Ib, is placed on the scales opposite Maat's feather of truth. In ancient Egypt, they believed the heart was the seat of a person's emotions, intellect, will and morality. You could not have an afterlife without it. So it was very important to pass this test and have your heart returned. An examined journey of review through history, mythology, art, religion of the conceptions of the heart -- both the physical and the metaphorical seat of faith, hope, and love -- ranging from the first valentine, ancient Egyptians, Buddha, and the first stethoscope to Conrad's Heart of Darkness -- sprinkled with anecdotal heart tales from Godwin and others. An impressive and well written history of the way we think of heart in all its gory glory. I like Godwin's personal approach to what might otherwise be a dreary march through data. Like - see review. Jan 04, 2010 Grady Ormsby rated it it was ok - review of another edition. The Journey from Your Head to the Heart of Your Soul [George, Mike] on Amazon.com. *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. The 7 Myths About Love...Actually! The Journey from Your Head to the Heart of Your Soul. This is a good book for anyone wanting to understand the journey of life and how we can give meaning to the lessons we 'believe' we have experienced that make us who we are as an individual. This book helps you to 'believe' nothing that our ego tells us. Rise beyond ego and become authentic with daily support from meditation. Author has nicely explained the myths of love and its true meaning. Worth reading. Read more.

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