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Description

Psychologists know best, of course, and in the 1950s they warned parents about the dangers of too much love. Besides, what was love anyway? Just a convenient name for children seeking food and adults seeking sex. It took an outsider scientist to challenge it. When Harry Harlow began his experiments on mother love he was more than just an outside the mainstream, though. He was a deeply unhappy man who knew in his gut the truth about what love and its absence meant, and set about to prove it. His experiments and results shocked the world, and *Wire Mothers & Inanimate Arms* will shock you as well."

Insightful reviews

Andrew: To parallel this in modern time, I need to think of a commonly held belief about which common sense should tell us otherwise. Maybe patriotism/warfare, or something along those lines. Harlow's time saw a rise in the popularity of reducing affection (love) towards babies to avoid passing on disease. Folks had just started becoming aware of these things called germs, you see, and so became germphobic (though I do not know from reading this exactly how widespread this was).

The end notes to this interesting and very readable graphic short story (too short to be a novel) states that while the experiments caused permanent damage to the baby monkeys and therefore nobody will be redoing these experiments, we can thank Harlow for knowing that love is a scientific reality and necessity. But as a critical thinker, I need a bit more than that. A lot more than that. Yes, I already know that love is a reality, whether or not we can prove it scientifically. I question that these experiments were truly necessary, and I want to know how these experiments changed culture, affected society. Other questions are raised in my mind: in particular, in this case, compassion and science are in a very strange and cruel relationship here. This book acknowledges this but does not explore it. It is an introduction, and makes the grave error of drawing a conclusion without presenting facts or argumentation, philosophical, scientific, or otherwise.

Pancha: A very brief overview of Harlow's primate experiments. Dylan's art is great, and I think the comic is a good introduction to the topic. But it is really short and only goes into the basics about the man and his findings, and leaves the reader hungry to know more. Luckily, there is a recommended reading list at the back.

Brandy: Ottaviani. Meconis. Monkeys. Behavioral psychology. What's not to like?

Susan Rose: This used to be fairly an enticing little image novel in regards to the paintings of Harry Harlow a psychologist working opposed to a few chilly theories on baby development. As I say this can be fascinating and the drawing kind relatively fits it. I'd have fairly loved to understand extra concerning the guy in the back of the work, within the photograph novel he talks approximately love yet you aren't getting a feeling of his relationships that is I believe a true shame.

Crabbygirl: again, ottaviani sheds gentle on a topic we take for granted: the concept maternal love and luxury supply balance in an infant's cognitive and emotional development. yet this time i knew not anything approximately this subject, or that - at it slow - this concept was once truly noticeable as radical and unscientific.in his 't-minus' and 'jane goodall' books he brings you into the prior and illustrates their considering which serves to unscare WHY the breakthroughs have been noticeable as such. for this book, he starts off within the near-present, exhibits his hero to be unbalanced, after which has him, on past due night, relate his previous to a janitor. frankly it comes off as too unusual to be believed, so i seemed him - and yes, there's harry harlow, and skinner, and john watson... it makes you ask yourself what we now give some thought to as gospel, and may be overturned within the future...

Kandice: Wow! I had no concept that within the 1950's mom and dad have been recommended opposed to actual symptoms of affection. not just was once the general public newly conscious of, and terrified of, germs, yet with Freud spouting all his intercourse theories, mom and dad allowed themselves to be confident mother's kisses have been sexual in nature. How sad.This is the true, if partial, learn of Dr. Harry Harlow, the 1st scientist to research, and turn out that not just does love exist, yet is basically necessary for the traditional improvement of babies. after all he used monkeys for his research, yet definitely the speculation applies simply as heartily to human infants. There are panels depicting infants being raised in sterile, plastic boxes. not just have been they clean, yet they scale down at the exertions of "mothering" a child. Despicable! Harlow proved how ridiculous this proposal was once by means of providing his topics with 2 mothers. A twine mom in command of feeding, and a material mom the babies regarded to for comfort. Up until eventually that point, scientists believed a baby's emotional attachment to it truly is mom used to be as a result of nursing. Harlow proved this used to be no longer so. the relief a mom presents creates that attachment. In all cases, even though they did nurse from the twine mother, each child most well-liked the "cuddly" mom figure. In all instances.Just the presentation on Harlow's theories and the equipment he used to end up them was once adequate to make me think all current and destiny mom and dad should still learn this. The underlying unhappiness depicted in his own existence simply additional to relevancy of his claims. He was once depressed and withdrawn. usually leaving his kinfolk alone, even if within the related room with them. His friends insisted on changing the be aware love with proximity of their personal research. Harlow's existence itself proved that proximity and love usually are not interchangeable. you will now not substitute the other.

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