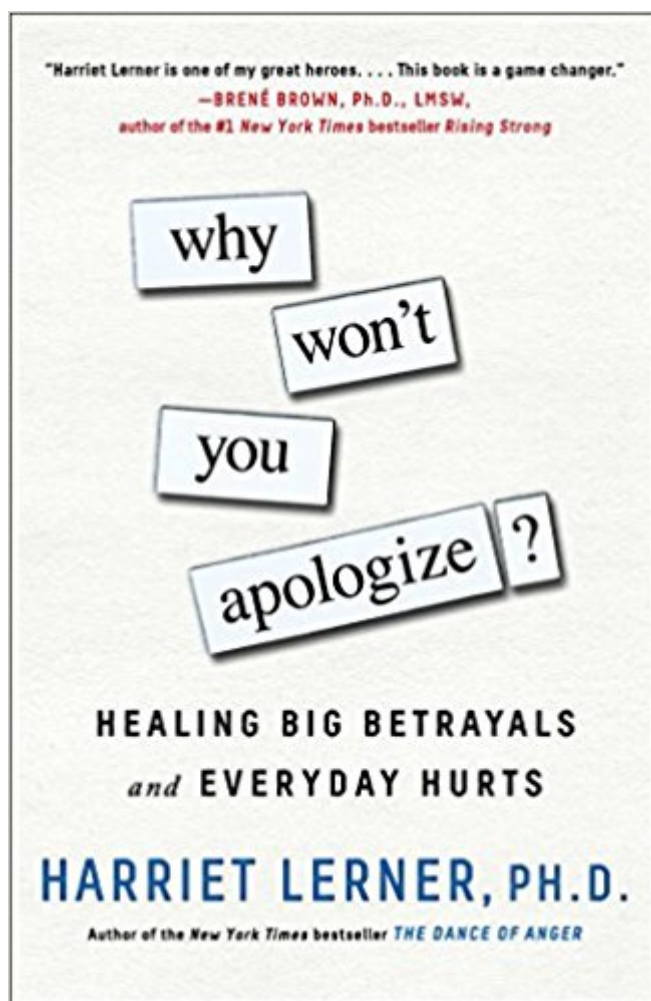


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Why Won't You Apologize?: Healing Big Betrayals And Everyday Hurts



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Soulful, compassionate, and oh so right." --Susie Orbach, co-founder of The Women's Therapy Centre in London and The Women's Therapy Center in New York.

Harriet Lerner, PhD is one of our nation's most loved and respected relationship experts. Renowned for her work on the psychology of women and family relationships, she served as a staff psychologist at the Menninger Clinic for several decades. A distinguished lecturer, consultant, and psychotherapist, she is the author of numerous scholarly articles and popular books, including the New York Times bestseller *The Dance of Anger* and *Why Won't You Apologize?*. She and her husband live in Lawrence, Kansas and have two grown sons.

I read this book in an afternoon. Once I've had a chance to absorb its truths a bit more, I plan to read it again. This book is for everyone and anyone who has ever needed to offer or to accept an apology. Not only does Lerner offer anecdotes the reader can easier identify with, she offers practical tools that make it possible for one to move forward. Chapter 10: "'You Need to Forgive' and Other Lies That Hurt You" on its own was well worth the price of the book. Thank you, Dr. Lerner!

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Wise, helpful.

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