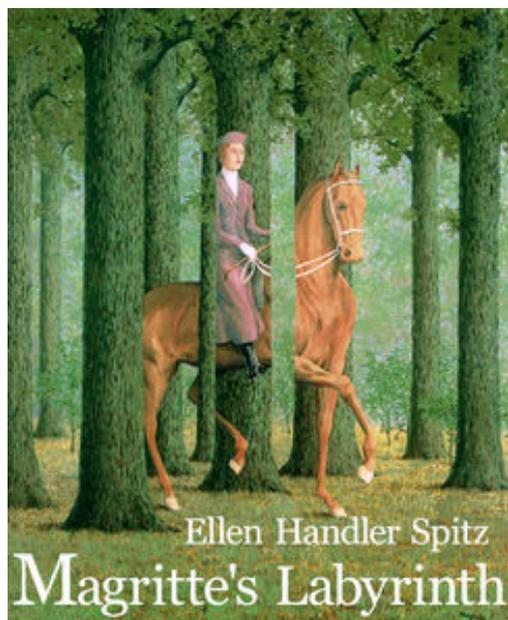


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Magritte's Labyrinth Ellen Handler Spitz Read ebooks [EN] PDF, ePub, Mobi, Gertrude Stein once asked why certain painted pictures engrave themselves into our minds with fierce tenacity. Why do they unsettle us? The enigmatic art of Belgian Surrealist artist René Magritte has long been subject to art historical and philosophical inquiry and mined by the worlds of advertising, illustration, and film. Yet Stein's questions are rarely asked. "Magritte's Labyrinth" takes them on. It introduces a vital psychological perspective that has gone missing. Beyond manifest cognitive dissonance, it questions the powerful emotional impact of Magritte's painted imagery.

Trained in art history, philosophy, and nonclinical psychoanalysis, Ellen Handler Spitz, the author of "Magritte's Labyrinth," was introduced to Magritte's art by a New York psychologist who studied bereavement in childhood. Spitz found the images impossible to expunge. She reflects on them psychologically. She analyzes their subtle engagement with conflict, anxiety, and fear. She reads their humor and pathos as veils that both mask and disclose uncomfortable themes.

"Magritte's Labyrinth" offers its readers intriguing new ways to understand their own idiosyncratic responses to this mysterious and fascinating art.

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