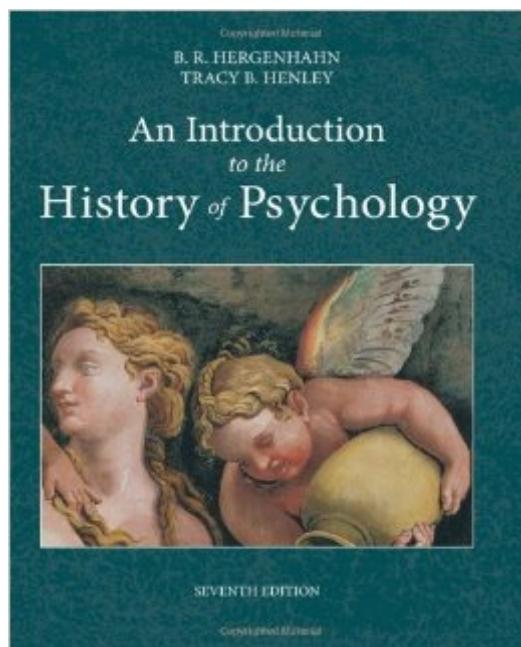


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# An Introduction To The History Of Psychology



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I used this in one of my classes and received great feedback. The beginning chapters can be a little dry and confusing, but that is not the book's fault- it is history! I thought the chapters broke down the material in effective ways for teaching and allowed some mystery for critical thinking.

Although this book does appear to be a who's-who of psychology's history, it does shed tons of light into how current psychological thought developed. Even so, it is NOT a light read and can be tedious at points. I found it highly interesting for my doctoral class in the foundations of psychological thought. If you are interested in how modern psychology came to be, this is the book

for you. However, if you are a lay person who is looking for a light read, definitely NOT recommended as it is dense.

This is a textbook for a required course for my major; but I'm actually enjoying it. The history of psychology is rather fascinating and this book does a good job of disseminating a great deal of information in short chapters that are well organized.

The Kindle version is incomplete. Most of it is available, but I've run into a handful of grey boxes in-text that say "Text not available due to copyright restrictions." From what I can tell it's blocking out some pictures and some quotes--non-essential items--of the text. However, I do not know for sure since I do not have access. So beware. If you get the Kindle version, you will be able to read most of it without issue. However should at least tell buyers that the book is incomplete with its description of the text.

This textbook is very straightforward. There is little psychology jargon that isn't first described in great detail. I often found it pleasurable to read which is often rare for many textbooks. It brings to light the many questions within the history of psychology and presents information in unbiased ways. I definitely recommend this book for any historic related psychology textbook and wish this was required for intro students. Knowing the who's, what's and why's of those who influenced psychology is key to understanding this vast field.

I really like this book. It is very comprehensive and also offers "suggestions for further reading" at the end of each chapter. Also at the end of each chapter there is a summary of the chapter, discussion questions, and a glossary of terms covered within each chapter. A person, using these tools, is able to delve into the subject matter as thoroughly as they desire. These tools also make review a lot easier.

I purchased this book as a requirement for a university course. I do not usually like history and get bored with reading about historical figures but this book got my attention. If you are interested in philosophy and psychology then you may enjoy this text. I probably would not read it for fun but as a required text, it is pretty good. I'll report back when I finish it as I am only halfway through it so far.

This is a required book for a class I'm taking it was very expensive through campus so I chose to

look on . I am thrilled with the shape the book is in and excited to use it in my class.

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