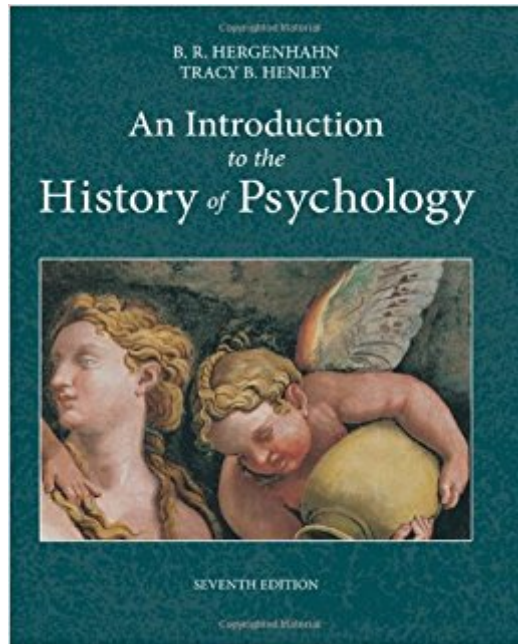




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A former chair of Hamline's psychology department at Hamline University, Dr. Hergenbahn has been awarded for excellence in teaching, has authored several widely adopted textbooks and numerous journal articles. Tracy Henley earned his Psychology Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee, where he co-edited his first book, REFLECTIONS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY: WILLIAM JAMES AFTER A CENTURY. He also co-authored THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE and CONNECTIONS IN THE HISTORY AND SYSTEMS OF PSYCHOLOGY; has written more than 75 publications in the areas of history, methods, psycholinguistics and social cognition; and has worked on numerous federal research grants. Dr. Henley spent 13 years on the faculty at Mississippi State University, teaching and conducting research in Philosophy and Psychology. In 2001, he spent his first sabbatical working for a computer games company, and still dabbles in game design. He accepted the position of Head of the Department of Psychology and Special Education at Texas A & M University-Commerce in 2003. He has also served as Director of Grants and Research for the College of Education and Human Services. He was elected President of the Southwestern Psychological Association in 2012.

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.

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Book was in excellent condition. Very happy with my purchase.

While this text is more interesting than other textbooks I've had, the book itself had few vulgar writings written in it via other students and the binding of the book was completely unattached on one side. Not the quality I would expect for renting a textbook.

If you want to learn about how and why psychology started, this is your book. It contains information about all important theorists and what they contributed to psychology.

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