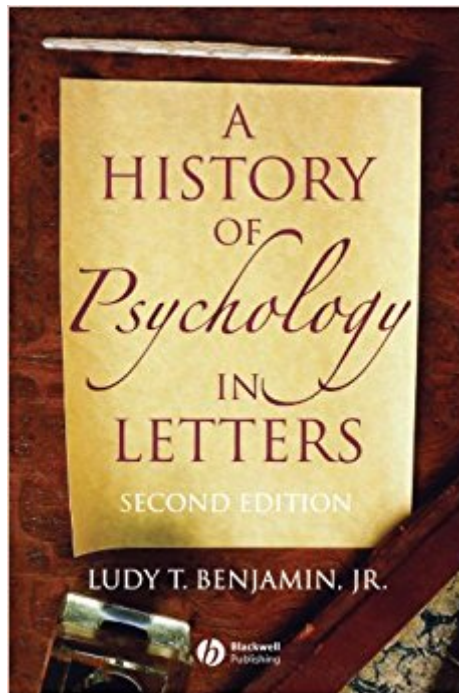




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# A History Of Psychology In Letters



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I was skeptical of this book at first. It was a requirement for one of my classes. Surprisingly I found it an easy and informative read. All psych majors should read this!

An excellent resource for students of psychology and for all those interested in history. It opens and enhances minds bringing perspectives in some important occurrences in history of psychology. Virtually nobody should miss this book

Cool to read the actual words of early psychologists

Easy read, entertaining, love getting closer to the history of psychology and love reading letters because they are so intimate.

This is a reasonable addition to a class on history and systems in psychology. It misses important women and their stories. The letters are pruned to represent the male experience in history. Another edition would be in order that would be less male-centric with important gender equality.

I had to buy this book for a class I am taking. It is really cool, and offers a different perspective on the great figures of psychology.

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