“Haply I May Remember And Haply May Forget”

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Abstract

Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 1964, Vol 9(8), 323–324.Reviews the book, Neproizvol’noe Zapominanie (Involuntary Remembering) by P. I. Zinchenko (1962). This book shows every sign of being a typical Russian ‘doctoral’ dissertation in psychology, although there is nowhere any explicit statement confirming this impression. Such books invariably begin with a review of the literature on the topic in question. It will be remarkably thorough in its coverage. In the present book, Zinchenko does not depart from this pattern. He explains that he means by “involuntary remembering” what Western writers call “incidental remembering.” Most of the book is devoted to experimental results. The book ends with a discussion of developmental aspects of remembering, followed by a final chapter on the practical problems of promoting retention in the class-room. It must nevertheless be borne in mind that Zinchenko's book was written quite a few years ago. Many of the most recent Russian psychological books show astonishing advances towards our own practices in all these respects. It is, perhaps, particularly significant that Zinchenko's book contains a name index and a subject index after the American pattern. Another welcome and interesting manifestation of eagerness for international exchange of ideas is the provision of a list of contents and a three-page summary in English. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)

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