

### *Book Reviews*

and subjects. The papers are grouped under five headings: The *Zeitgeist* and the Psychology of Science; History of Psychology; Scientific Method; The Mind/Body Problem; and Communicating Science.

All are pervaded by that clarity of thought and thoughtfulness born of a sense of history which are found in all Boring's writings and, unlike much contemporary psychological literature, it gives them not only shape and scholarship but wisdom and permanent value. In Boring's own words 'a knowledge of history . . . has a huge capacity for adding significance for the understanding of the present. It gives the scholarly mind a context that enormously increases its capacity to perceive the meaning of the objects of its attention'. The writing is clear and crisp, the editor's overall and sectional introductions are models of their kind, and the production is excellent. The book is of interest to all those working in psychology and related fields, not least psychiatry, as well as historians and all others interested in man's scientific attempts to understand how he works and how he perceives and reflects on his world.

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