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"This is an excellent textbook, the previous editions of which I have consistently recommended to students on advanced courses in human cognition. This new edition has reinforced my view that this is the best textbook on advanced undergraduate cognitive psychology available to support student learning... The introductory chapter providing explanatory overviews is particularly helpful, and I very much welcome the increase in cognitive neuroscience elements throughout the chapters. The explanation of the various brain imaging techniques makes the descriptions of these studies very accessible to students." - **Robert H Logie, Department of Psychology, University of Edinburgh, UK**

"I have recommended Eysenck and Keane from the very first version, and will continue to do so with this exciting new edition. The text is among the very best for the breadth and depth of material, and is written in a clear, approachable style that students value in an area that they often find to be one of the more difficult parts of psychology. This new edition brings the area right up to date and covers all the key ideas and findings since the previous edition." – **Trevor Harley, Dean and Chair of Cognitive Psychology, University of Dundee, UK**

"The new edition of this book improves a text that was already a leader. The authors have injected more information about the neuroscientific bases of the cognitive phenomena they discuss, in line with recent trends in the field. Students will greatly profit from this text, and professors will enjoy reading it, too." - **Henry L. Roediger, III James S. McDonnell Professor of Psychology, Washington University in St. Louis, USA**

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"This book is timely and significant as it shows how recent research advances in cognitive neuroscience can enhance our understanding of human cognition. In a most unique way, it provides an excellent integration of cognitive psychology and neuroscience. Once again, the authors continue to display a highly enviable ability to communicate complex ideas in a very reader-friendly fashion." - **Nazanin Derakhshan, Reader in Psychology, Birkbeck University of London, UK**

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"The interface between cognition and emotion is a complex one, and the authors have done an excellent job of summarizing this vast literature in an organized and clear fashion. The authors also have done a good job of describing the relevant research, discussing its contributions to understanding emotion-condition interactions, and critiquing the studies' designs and theories. I think the overall organization of the chapter is excellent, and I enjoyed the format of having a brief description of the phenomenon followed by "evidence" and then "evaluation."" – **Elizabeth A Kensinger, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Boston College, USA**

"Chapter 12 provides one of the best introductions to the problem solving literature that I have seen. It is characterized by some very up to date material to balance the classic Gestalt-inspired work. These chapters have a very clear structure, made explicit by the use of repeated section headings, so that student readers will quickly develop an organisational schema." - **Ken Manktelow, Professor of Psychology, University of Wolverhampton, UK**

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experimental evidence together with recent neuropsychological studies. Discussion is critical and argumentative with a useful evaluation at the end of each section and a summary of the chapter topics at the end of the chapter. The author has sensibly organised the material from this complex area of psychology so that it can be easily understood by a second or third year undergraduate." - **Elizabeth Styles, Lecturer in Psychology, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, UK**

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"What is good about the consciousness chapter is that it "thinks" like a scientist. We see the progression of thought from an experiment or finding, its interpretation, alternative interpretations or deeper questions, through to tests of the alternatives and so on. The chapter contains the best discussion of the relationship between attention and consciousness I've seen in anything written for a non-professional audience. Complex issues are covered very well -- clearly enough for the nonprofessional to understand." - **William Banks, Editor-in-chief, Consciousness and Cognition**

"The consciousness chapter is strong both conceptually and in its consideration of methodological issues. The content is very up to date, and draws appropriately from international sources. The author's style is clear and engaging. Ideal for the student market!" - **Max Velmans, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK**

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