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Theories Of Human Learning: What The Professor Said (PSY 361 Learning)



Synopsis

Both a serious academic text and a delightful story, this book offers a clear, readable look at a full range of learning theories from behavioral to cognitive. It also covers memory, motivation, connectionism (neural net models), and social learning and concludes with a comprehensive synthesis. Its most apparent strength is its easily accessible style, but its greatest value lies in the clarity of its concepts and its emphasis on practical applications. THEORIES OF HUMAN LEARNING is narrated by a Professor. But this Professor isn't just anyone. In fact, those familiar with previous editions may conclude that he is related to Kongor and Kro, two extraterrestrials who so successfully guided students through the first two editions---or to the Old Man or, later, the Old Woman who led readers through the next editions. Wise as he is, the Professor does the job even more effectively than his predecessors in this sixth edition of THEORIES OF HUMAN LEARNING: WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID.

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As far as a text book goes, this one is fairly entertaining. There is a bit of tongue and cheek and levity that for me facilitates the learning experience.

new book at used book price. perfect for the class I was taking this semester.

My first review, ever! Book looked completely new! Excellent condition, but the book is very boring & the words are small. Everything is in black & white. I am rating it 4 stars because of the good condition and because of the shipping. It took a while to be delivered but I received it, right in the nick of time! I would only recommend this book if it is needed for class, I am a psychology major and I see no real benefits too it. There are other better books out there with the same information, buy those books instead!

Though I am a former English major with a love of whimsy, I found the framing of this book (the narrator is told theories of learning by an alien) obnoxious and of only questionable use. The narrator's pithy comments in text sometimes served as memorable examples, but the "story line" itself added unnecessary and often frustrating reading. I had hoped that the Old Woman was part of a learning strategy I had yet to understand - perhaps she would emphasize theories, or help to memorize material. Instead, I believe she allows the author pretend he writes for a world beyond academia. A gentle reminder to Lefrancois - you don't.

Loved the book, hated the class I had to use it for. There are small antidotes here and there that are amusing. Book was in great condition for being used

Good book. It gives good examples. I just wish it was a little more in layman terms. Some parts of it didn't make much sense so I had to find other sources for clarification.

It is an a good read, however I wish it went more in depth on some topics.

This was an assigned textbook. Generally well written and comprehensive.

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