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because so much of this so-called debate so clearly disregards scientific evidence, the authors go to exhaustive lengths to show the scientific evidence for amnesia of these memories. That's a wonderful and important thing to do. But it also doesn't always make for the most exciting reading. Thus the one-star reduction: in their desire to make sure that every angle is covered from any possible attack, the authors end up repeating themselves a fair amount. The book (weighing in at more than 650 pages of text) could probably have been cut to about 450 pages without losing anything. Then it would certainly have been a five star book. 23 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Best on trauma treatment, memory and the law By A Customer This book is the Bible for all those who are interested in the most scientific and thorough understanding of the treatment of trauma survivors, the current understanding of how memory functions and the law as related to both therapists and patients. The authors had to spend several chapters undoing the misinformation that has been prominent during the last few years both in the popular press and in books without scientific merit. These books that have misinformed the general public and professionals are now corrected by this book. It deserves the award it has been given and more. It is a must read for all professionals, patients, lawyers and journalists who wish to honestly write about these areas of the field of psychology. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. One-stop text for understanding the workings of memory. By Jacqui McFarlane Invaluable as a one-stop text for clinicians seeking to understand the dynamics of memory in and out of the therapeutic arena. Useful as a reference for researchers, attorneys and judges. Memory research, Trauma Treatment and legal cases pertaining to the false memory controversy and current memory science are all critically reviewed. The authors cover issues in the recovered memory debate, as well as research on the emotion and memory, flashback memory, autobiographical memory, and memory for trauma. Memory recovery through hypnosis is discussed along with current practice of phase oriented trauma treatment. This book is an invaluable reference.

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