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Outstanding Title!**50-7048**

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Langlitz, Nicolas. **Neuropsychedelia: the revival of hallucinogen research since the decade of the brain.** California, 2013. 316p bibl index afp ISBN 9780520274815, \$65.00; ISBN 9780520274822 pbk, \$29.95

This beautifully rendered, exhaustively documented work describes the fascinating resurgence in neuroscience initially stimulated by the use/abuse of psychedelic drugs and research in this area. Langlitz (New School for Social Research) deftly handles the shift in science as hallucinogens became more scandalous and seemingly less relevant in light of more lucrative, mind-altering pharmacologic agents such as antidepressants and antipsychotics. George W. Bush declared the 1990s the "Decade of the Brain," with the goal of promoting the importance of brain research. Since then, neuroscience has exploded as a field of research, even though it overpromises the potential of brain therapeutics. Further, today's brain research, resting on recent discoveries, may never reach full potential because of renewed ethical constraints that were less understood (and more ignored) in the past. Previously, the most impressive, compelling research was often performed (or self-administered) on subjects who neither understood the full implications of experimental neuropharmacology nor the achievements being made, since they lacked scientific literacy and insight. *Neuropsychedelia* is a must read for neuroscientists or physicians focusing on brain medicine. The brain may never be fully understood, but to truly appreciate the future of neuroscience, people must learn about past investigations.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through professionals; general readers.

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