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# Introduction



Rebeca Puche-Navarro

“Didier, le jeune garçon don’t nous avons `disséqué’ les conduites pendant pendant des heures, des semaines mêmes, sur un petit écran vidéo, jusqu’à presque nous abimer les yeux! Didier, dont nous avons à cherché à pénétrer l’esprit, jouant chaque mouvement du regard, hesitation, distraction, pour tenter de comprendre ce qui se passait dans son esprit au fur et a mesure qu’il s’efforçait de résoudre une tâche”

Karmiloff-Smith in the preface to the book *Le Cheminement des découvertes de l’enfant*

This book proposes to retrace the path traced by Bärbel Inhelder (1913–1997) on microgenesis and the Inhelderian microgenetic method, to retrace his research and, as far as possible, to reconstruct his way of working.

Between her and her team, made up of G. Cellérier, E. Ackerman, M. Saada-Robert, D. de Caprona, A. Blanchet, A. Boder, H. Kilcher, and J. Montangero, among others, known for a long time as “the Geneva school,” built for decades a patient, solid, and brilliant work investigating the way the child investigates, thinks, and invents solutions to a problem. Nevertheless, that laborious, disciplined, and fruitful body of work, which is the Inhelderian microgenetic method and microgenesis, today seems to have remained trapped in those minds, the most brilliant in developmental psychology. Without going into the reasons for this silencing, our book encourages an approach to their legacy. We understand that with microgenesis and his method Inhelder opened the door to a new horizon for child and developmental psychology. We refer to the innovations in the ways of investigating how the

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