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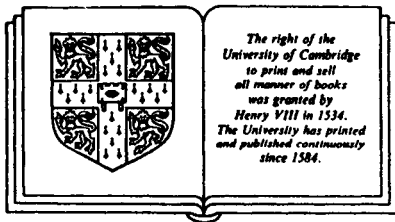
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Preface

The purpose of this book is to bring together in one place and in an integrated fashion contemporary research on autobiographical memory. Included are chapters that use a general cognitive framework to understand the recollections people have for substantial portions of their lives. Taken as a whole, the book provides a tutorial on, and a context from which to view, our current understanding of autobiographical memory.

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