



MEMORY WARS

by Hendrik Löbbert



SYNOPSIS

Can we trust our own memories? An American psychologist with expertise in the brain's ability to make up its own truths takes us into her fascinating field of research.

Elizabeth Loftus has been researching the unreliability of human memory since the 1970s and is one of the most influential psychologists in the world. 'Memory Wars' is based on a series of high-profile US trials where Loftus regularly acts as an expert for the defense.

Here she proves that allegations based on unreliable memories cannot serve as evidence. A line of work that highlights the tension between truth and justice, but also has profound implications for larger social issues. In a world of so-called post-truth and fake news, her work as a researcher is more relevant than ever, and no less controversial.

Because maybe we are more impressionable than we want to believe. The brain loves a good story – even if it has to make it up.

FESTIVALS

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CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Hendrik Löbbert

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ORIGINAL TITLE

MEMORY WARS

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