

Delage collage

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Damien Broderick — 24 Dec 1998, 11:25

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William H. Ansley — 07 Jan 1999, 00:31 · follows Damien Broderick

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I hadn't read "The Children's Hour" by Henry Kuttner and C. L. Moore for years myself but I did recall that it was in *A Treasury of Great Science Fiction* edited by Anthony Boucher. I am the proud owner of a Science Fiction Book Club edition of this or was, for when I tried to find my copy after reading the message quoted above, I couldn't.

But I have been able to come up with another copy and have reread the story. I would say that the story really only has one connection to "Suzanne Delage"; it is about a man who has had a number of extraordinary (related) experiences but has totally forgotten about them, except under hypnosis, which is how he finds out he has had them. But in this case the authors of the extraordinary experiences are the cause of the memory loss, rather than the man's own sense of mediocrity.

I will post a summary of the story soon when I have more time, if anyone is interested, and maybe even if no one is.

William Ansley