

## A Mind Of Its Own A Cultural History Of The Penis

The Prince of Brancoleone has a reputation for breaking hearts. And now he's set his sights on a new conquest. She's Nisida, the beautiful daughter of a Naples fisherman. The prince disguises himself as a commoner and seduces her. But Nisida's little brother Gabriel intervenes, setting off a bloody tale of revenge, suicide and family secrets. Part of Dumas' "Celebrated Crimes" series, "Nisida" is an enthralling look at honour and justice in 19th century Italy. Based on real events, it was co-written with Italian author Pier Angelo Fiorentino. Before "The Three Musketeers", Alexandre Dumas explored some of history's darkest chapters in "Celebrated Crimes". These true crime stories cover famous murders, conspiracies and executions, from Mary Queen of Scots to the Borgias. Alexandre Dumas (1802 - 1870) was a hugely popular 19th century French writer. Born of mixed French and Haitian heritage, Dumas first rose to prominence in Paris as a playwright, but later gained international fame with his historical fiction. Often co-authored with other writers, these stories wove together swashbuckling adventure, romance, and real events from France's past. Among the best known are "The Three Musketeers", and its sequels "Twenty Years After", and "Le Vicomte de Bragelonne: Ten Years Later". Set across four decades, this trilogy follows the rise of the dashing D'Artagnan—from hot-headed soldier to trusted captain under Louis XIV. Dumas' other novels include "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Black Tulip". His works have been adapted into more than 200 movies, including The Man in the Iron Mask starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

"A farmer and entrepreneur, Chase is a man of many abilities. Now he is being asked to use those abilities, and his own particular skills with a sword and bow, to assist an alien planet. This means trading a valuable resource that the planet harbours to convince the Inter-galactic Federation to repair its failing sun" -- Back cover.

Humanity is a part of Nature, yet every thinking person at one time or another asks herself or himself, "How did we get here? What makes me different from the rest of Nature?" In The Course of Nature an artist and a scientist ask those questions with full respect for all contexts, both scientific and not. Amy Pollack's figures stand on their own as elegant summaries of one or another aspect of Nature and our place in it. Robert Pollack's one-page essays for each illustration lay out the underlying scientific issues along with the overarching moral context for these issues.

Together the authors have created a door into Nature for the non-scientist, and a door into the separate question of what is right, for both the scientist and the rest of us.

Prisoner of the Mind - Spiritual Self-Improvement Personal Development We have the largest prison population in the world in America today, but how many men and women were locked up in their minds before they got to prison? Prisoner of the Mind by Jeff Hairston is much more than a self improvement book- it's a personal development tool that can help you overcome your fears and FINALLY live your life as God intended. "Prisoner of the Mind" by Jeff Hairston is a thought provoking book aimed at helping you find a spiritual balance in life and to break free of the prison of negative thoughts and emotions that your mind has created over the years. Jeff artfully guides you through the many aspects of life that plague our minds today intertwining important lessons with examples from his own life story. Fear is one of the most important emotions when experienced in the right way. It can help us in life threatening situations by keeping our mind on high alert. but what happens when fear comes into contact with the ego? That very same fear that is there to save you can also stop you from living a normal, healthy life -and in some cases even kill you! It's all about using the fear to your advantage and being consistent and persistent against it. Many of the issues plaguing our mind are created by past life events that are left unresolved. "Prisoner of the Mind" asks the important spiritual questions and expertly tackles negative personal issues to help you better understand and overcome the prison that your own mind had created. Break free from the personal prison that your own mind created - order your copy of "Prisoner of the Mind" by Jeff Hairston today!

Poetry. Drawings by Paul Blake. Originally published in 1977 by Good Gay Poets of Boston. "A book whose page has come. ruth weiss has been sounding these poems, alone or with jazz accompaniment, for many years. It's now ocheny chorosho that they appear for the senses of those potential poets searching for new modulations of expression; for her poems are of the rhythms of our time and the interlaced, repetitive subtleties are sewn by that 'thread for those who breathe in rags' (Vallejo) which bespeaks and sings the deep loom of the bronze lotus."—Jack Hirschman

A critical analysis of the interaction between the mind and the body describes how the brain maps out every part of the body and the space around it and how the brain controls one's ability to sense, move, and act in the physical world, explaining the diverse applications of this science of body maps, from losing weight or recovering from a stroke, to finding new treatments and understanding human emotion. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Suffering from addictions, need HOPE, this book is for you. Gordon's story is a powerful testimony of living through the HELL of addiction, losing all HOPE and finally finding recovery and long lasting sobriety. A must read, people cannot put it down, rave reviews.

Success is measured not by the size of your brain, but rather by the size of your thinking. This intrigues a lot of people, and if you observe how people behave, you will have a clear understanding of what success really means. Time and time again, history and experience have proved that the degree of our general satisfaction and happiness is dependent on how we think. There is magic in thinking big! Positive thinking helps accomplish so much in our life, but unfortunately not everyone thinks that way. We are all products of our thinking that goes within and around us. There is an environment around us that exerts all sorts of forces on your thinking; some will push you up the ladder while others will pull you down. We have been told many times that opportunities to lead are no longer there; hence we should be content with who we are without having positive aspirations on leadership. The petty environment surrounding us also has its own narrative concerning our lives. It constantly tells us that whatever is destined will eventually happen and we have no control over it. Leaving your fate in the hands of chance can potentially ruin your life and make you miserable. Therefore, before you start giving up your dreams of a finer home or giving a better life for your children, stand firm and resist resigning to fate. Do not lie down and wait to die. Success is worth every effort you expend, and every step you make pays a dividend. Even in an environment where competition is intense, you still can succeed as long as your thinking is in the positive quadrant of your mind frame. The basic concepts and principles that underlie the power of thinking big are drawn from the highest-pedigree sources and the finest thinking minds such as Emerson who said "Great men are those who see that thoughts rule the world." Milton who wrote in his book Paradise Lost, "The mind is its own place and in itself can make a heaven of hell or a hell of heaven." Shakespeare made an interesting observation about thinking which he summarized and said "There is nothing either good or

bad except that thinking makes it so." Proof is everywhere that thinking big indeed works. When you look at the lives of people who you consider as big thinkers, you will be amazed at their winning success, happiness and achievements. This book will show you proven strategies from different life situations that will turn your life around.

"On the origin of Mind' is a detailed description of how the mind works. It explains the dynamics from the neuronal level upwards to the scale of group behaviour, society and culture."--Publisher's website.

This collection of papers, written over the last six years by Robert Caper, focuses on the importance of distinguishing self from object in psychological development. Robert Caper demonstrates the importance this psychological disentanglement plays in the therapeutic effect of psychoanalysis. In doing so he demonstrates what differentiates the practice of psychoanalysis from psychotherapy; while psychotherapy aims to ease the patient towards "good mental health" through careful suggestion; psychoanalysis allows the patient to discover him/herself, with the self wholly distinguished from other people and other objects.

When you buy this book you get an electronic version (PDF file) of the interior of this book. The perfect coloring book for every child that loves ghosts. 40 coloring pages haunted by ghosts. Art is like a rainbow, never-ending and brightly colored. Feed the creative mind of your child and have fun! Each picture is printed on its own 8.5 x 11 inch page so no need to worry about smudging.

The author presents his perspectives and personal experiences on mentalism and how it can be used to tap into the mind's hidden powers.

An accessible evaluation of the unconscious mind offers insight into the brain's capacity for self-delusion, revealing inborn tendencies that shape sensations, perceptions, and other thought processes as part of the mind's role in defending and glorifying the ego. Reprint.

FRIGHTENED MONSTERS. STOLEN TIME. AND ONE SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED DAMSEL. Katie ran from the magical world years ago. She never planned on being dragged back in by a prophesying clamshell. The seers believe she alone can prevent an apocalypse of ruined time and broken worlds. Bran the Crow King believes she can save him from his cannibalistic grandfather. Katie believes they're all nuts. One thing is for certain: she's not waiting around for help. Operation Katie Saves her Own Damn Self is officially on.

The modern materialist approach to life has conspicuously failed to explain such central mind-related features of our world as consciousness, intentionality, meaning, and value. This failure to account for something so integral to nature as mind, argues philosopher Thomas Nagel, is a major problem, threatening to unravel the entire naturalistic world picture, extending to biology, evolutionary theory, and cosmology. Since minds are features of biological systems that have developed through evolution, the standard materialist version of evolutionary biology is fundamentally incomplete. And the cosmological history that led to the origin of life and the coming into existence of the conditions for evolution cannot be a merely materialist history, either. An adequate conception of nature would have to explain the appearance in the universe of materially irreducible conscious minds, as such. Nagel's skepticism is not based on religious belief or on a belief in any definite alternative. In *Mind and Cosmos*, he does suggest that if the materialist account is wrong, then principles of a different kind may also be at work in the history of nature, principles of the growth of order that are in their logical form teleological rather than mechanistic. In spite of the great achievements of the physical sciences, reductive materialism is a world view ripe for displacement. Nagel shows that to recognize its limits is the first step in looking for alternatives, or at least in being open to their possibility.

For the past 20 years, I have lived with a rare and currently incurable neurological illness known as dystonia. This illness can affect numerous different muscles in the body causing them to spasm in ways we cannot control, forcing us to "live in a body with a mind of its own." This book was written to be of help to individuals who struggle with this frustrating and often painful illness. However, it contains valuable lessons for anyone dealing with adversity. If you are struggling with illness, the death of a loved one, depression, a broken relationship, the loss of a job, or dealing with one of life's many transitions, this book is also for you. People with dystonia and other individuals will find many of the same feelings described in the book resonating within you. Once you have come to grips with the emotions involved in your own adversity, you are ready to roll up your sleeves and deal with "life as it is" in a more positive manner. Join me on a road you never expected to travel and filled with numerous twists and turns along the way. The journey may never end in this life, but my hope is that by reading this book life's road will become a little easier for you to travel. Rev. Mike Beck

Dr. John Lemoncelli looks to biology to create a metaphor to help victims of child abuse understand its lingering effects: A Parasite has entered into your system as contaminated love. If it has its way, it will invade your psyche-your soul-and consume its host. But you need not give this Parasite one more day of your life. You are not damaged; you are not a bad person. You have an illness from which you begin recovering today.

With a blend of humor, fact, and whimsy discover Matthew's problem. His brain says one thing but his mouth says another.

This is a book that shows, in simple detail, one of the most startling findings of modern science: We don't experience the world as it is, but as virtual reality. And while much of the latest scientific work demonstrates this, as do many of the classical psychological illusions, it is an important meeting point for students of the mind, brain, philosophy and religion because, as we can now see in light of this book, all these disciplines begin at the same place. This is not an abstruse treatise, but part graphic novel and part direct address. It allows the reader a breakthrough understanding of the mind which is not available anywhere else. It is, in part, a summa of Dr. Ornstein's research and writing of the past 35 years (with pieces and references to many of his works) as well as a seminal introduction to new readers.

One in six children now struggle with mental health. Is yours one of them? Ours is a worried world. Children are growing up with anxiety, uncertainty, and low self-esteem, and the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing lockdowns and yet more life online, has only intensified this. Many parents feel helpless as their happy, easygoing children are overwhelmed by a tsunami of pressure and worry. How can we help them flourish in these infamously "unprecedented" times? Katharine Hill, UK director of Care for the Family, throws us a lifeline. Backed by solid, up-to-the-minute research and grounded in real-life experience, *A Mind of Their Own* tackles everything from body confidence and bullying to dealing with disappointment and strong emotions, and gives hands-on steps to take when challenges come. Packed with encouragement and creative activities, it will help families form good practices like listening well, setting consistent boundaries, and establishing a growth mindset. Celebrating and affirming the family, *A Mind of Their Own* equips parents to build resilience and care well for their children's mental wellbeing, from toddlerhood to teenage years.

*Mind Your Thoughts* is a book that will help you quiet and focus your thoughts so you speak directly to your unconscious state of being in a language the mind understands. Meditation is nothing more than relaxation, and in a meditative state, your conscious can relax and allow you to speak directly to the unconscious. The unconscious is in charge of your life, even though you allow your conscious to be in control. If you want to experience change in your life, you need to learn to bypass the conscious control which can be described as critical, analytical, and most of all judgmental. Meditating through relaxation is how you reprogram your unconscious with new concepts and information. The unconscious learns by applying this information against the storage of all your memories, experiences, reactions, and emotions. Also, the unconscious is much more accepting of change because it processes information without judgment. You will see both mental and physical changes resulting from this process. Practice with the thoughts in this book; your unconscious will understand even if your conscious seems confused. Mind your thoughts and experience a human metamorphosis from the inside out. The purpose of meditation is to quiet the mind. Meditation removes the clutter of thoughts from everyday life, and also helps you to get in touch with your higher consciousness. It does take practice, so do not become discouraged. Set aside 45 minutes each evening before you go to sleep. Sit in a quiet room, in a comfortable and relaxed position wearing loose clothing. Close your eyes and take a deep breath in through your nose and let it out slowly through your mouth. With each breath in, clear your mind of all thoughts, and feel your body relax. Repeat this 9 times before beginning. This book contains 81 thoughts for you to meditate on. There are 9 sets of 9 thoughts each. Start with Set One and allow 5 minutes of meditation for each thought. After your initial warm up of 9 deep breaths, read the first thought of the first set. Close your eyes and continue your deep breathing as you reflect on the thought and what it may mean to you and your life. Think of nothing else. Repeat this with each thought until you complete Set One. It will take you at least 9 evenings to get through all of the sets in the book. You may want to repeat a set over and over again before moving on to the next set. Eventually, you will have your favorite thoughts that you will want to dedicate your meditations on. Most people enjoy thoughts of wisdom, but rarely take the time to internalize them enough to be life changing. Practice mindfulness in life and create ripples that will forever change your life. This is not an instructional book on the art of meditation.

Napoleon Hill's timeless classic, *Think and Grow Rich*, has the distinction of being the best read self-help book of the twentieth century. Not so well known is how Hill earned his livelihood before he wrote 'Think and Grow Rich'. Another classic work of Dr. Hill is 'How to Own Your Own Mind' which shows the way to stabilise your mind and achieve success in life. As Dr. Hill repeatedly emphasised, action is critical to success. But you must think before you act or your actions will be wasted. These timeless chapters about the importance of thought before action will prove to be very instructive in helping you attain your own Definite Major Purpose. To do so, you must learn how to own your own mind, and this book will tell you how to do it.

There was a sabre-toothed tiger in the playground. Wandering thoughts, Tim had come to realise, were extremely dangerous things. Nearly a year has passed since Tim, Dee and Phil the finger monkey (with the help of some fire-breathing bear-sharks) defeated Wilde Tech Inc and destroyed the imagination space. But since then, it's become increasingly clear that there's something wrong with Tim. His imagination seems limitless - anything he imagines immediately appears in front of him, with no need for the imagination box. Which has both good and bad consequences. Then, in the blink of an eye, everything changes. Tim wakes up and discovers he's in his old orphanage. No one, not even Dee, knows who he is. He's completely alone - his worst nightmare. But soon he realises who is to blame. His old enemy, Clarice Crowfield, has hijacked a new, all-powerful machine and created a reality where she is in charge! Tim must find Professor Eisenstone, convince Dee that they really are best friends (and, of course, recreate Phil) - then literally put their world to rights.

A New York Times Bestseller. A scientist's exploration into the mysteries of the human mind. What is the mind? What is the experience of the self truly made of? How does the mind differ from the brain? Though the mind's contents—its emotions, thoughts, and memories—are often described, the essence of mind is rarely, if ever, defined. In this book, noted neuropsychiatrist and New York Times best-selling author Daniel J. Siegel, MD, uses his characteristic sensitivity and interdisciplinary background to offer a definition of the mind that illuminates the how, what, when, where, and even why of who we are, of what the mind is, and what the mind's self has the potential to become. *MIND* takes the reader on a deep personal and scientific journey into consciousness, subjective experience, and information processing, uncovering the mind's self-organizational properties that emerge from both the body and the relationships we have with one another, and with the world around us. While making a wide range of sciences accessible and exciting—from neurobiology to quantum physics, anthropology to psychology—this book offers an experience that addresses some of our most pressing personal and global questions about identity, connection, and the cultivation of well-being in our lives.



Named one of the top health and wellness books for 2016 by MindBodyGreen Depression is not a disease. It is a symptom. Recent years have seen a shocking increase in antidepressant use the world over, with 1 in 4 women starting their day with medication. These drugs have steadily become the panacea for everything from grief, irritability, panic attacks, to insomnia, PMS, and stress. But the truth is, what women really need can't be found at a pharmacy. According to Dr. Kelly Brogan, antidepressants not only overpromise and underdeliver, but their use may permanently disable the body's self-healing potential. We need a new paradigm: The best way to heal the mind is to heal the whole body. In this groundbreaking, science-based and holistic approach, Dr. Brogan shatters the mythology conventional medicine has built around the causes and treatment of depression. Based on her expert interpretation of published medical findings, combined with years of experience from her clinical practice, Dr. Brogan illuminates the true cause of depression: it is not simply a chemical imbalance, but a lifestyle crisis that demands a reset. It is a signal that the interconnected systems in the body are out of balance – from blood sugar, to gut health, to thyroid function– and inflammation is at the root. A Mind of Your Own offers an achievable, step-by-step 30-day action plan—including powerful dietary interventions, targeted nutrient support, detoxification, sleep, and stress reframing techniques—women can use to heal their bodies, alleviate inflammation, and feel like themselves again without a single prescription. Bold, brave, and revolutionary, A Mind of Your Own takes readers on a journey of self-empowerment for radical transformation that goes far beyond symptom relief.

In this compelling, cutting-edge book, two generations of science writers explore the exciting science of “body maps” in the brain—and how startling new discoveries about the mind-body connection can change and improve our lives. Why do you still feel fat after losing weight? What makes video games so addictive? How can “practicing” your favorite sport in your imagination improve your game? The answers can be found in body maps. Just as road maps represent interconnections across the landscape, your many body maps represent all aspects of your bodily self, inside and out. In concert, they create your physical and emotional awareness and your sense of being a whole, feeling self in a larger social world. Moreover, your body maps are profoundly elastic. Your self doesn't begin and end with your physical body but extends into the space around you. This space morphs every time you put on or take off clothes, ride a bike, or wield a tool. When you drive a car, your personal body space grows to envelop it. When you play a video game, your body maps automatically track and emulate the actions of your character onscreen. When you watch a scary movie, your body maps put dread in your stomach and send chills down your spine. If your body maps fall out of sync, you may have an out-of-body experience or see auras around other people. The Body Has a Mind of Its Own explains how you can tap into the power of body maps to do almost anything better—whether it is playing tennis, strumming a guitar, riding a horse, dancing a waltz, empathizing with a friend, raising children, or coping with stress. The story of body maps goes even further, providing a fresh look at the causes of anorexia, bulimia, obsessive plastic surgery, and the notorious golfer's curse “the yips.” It lends insights into culture, language, music, parenting, emotions, chronic pain, and more. Filled with illustrations, wonderful anecdotes, and even parlor tricks that you can use to reconfigure your body sense, The Body Has a Mind of Its Own will change the way you think—about the way you think. “The Blakeslees have taken the latest and most exciting finds from brain research and have made them accessible. This is how science writing should always be.” —Michael S. Gazzaniga, Ph.D., author of *The Ethical Brain* “Through a stream of fascinating and entertaining examples, Sandra Blakeslee and Matthew Blakeslee illustrate how our perception of ourselves, and indeed the world, is not fixed but is surprisingly fluid and easily modified. They have created the best book ever written about how our sense of ‘self’ emerges from the motley collection of neurons we call the brain.” —Jeff Hawkins, co-author of *On Intelligence* “The Blakeslees have taken the latest and most exciting finds from brain research and have made them accessible. This is how science writing should always be.” —Michael S. Gazzaniga, Ph.D., author of *The Ethical Brain* “A marvelous book. In the last ten years there has been a paradigm shift in understanding the brain and how its various specialized regions respond to environmental challenges. In addition to providing a brilliant overview of recent revolutionary discoveries on body image and brain plasticity, the book is sprinkled with numerous insights.” —V. S. Ramachandran, M.D., director, Center for Brain and Cognition, University of California, San Diego

"Provocative enough to make you start questioning your each and every action."—Entertainment Weekly The brain's power is confirmed and touted every day in new studies and research. And yet we tend to take our brains for granted, without suspecting that those masses of hard-working neurons might not always be working for us. Cordelia Fine introduces us to a brain we might not want to meet, a brain with a mind of its own. She illustrates the brain's tendency toward self-delusion as she explores how the mind defends and glorifies the ego by twisting and warping our perceptions. Our brains employ a slew of inborn mind-bugs and prejudices, from hindsight bias to unrealistic optimism, from moral excuse-making to wishful thinking—all designed to prevent us from seeing the truth about the world and the people around us, and about ourselves.

Neurologist and best-selling author Richard Restak puts readers in touch with the latest scientific findings about the most complex and inscrutable object in creation--the human brain. "By all means let Richard Restak take you on this lively journey to the very roots of our being. Along the way you will gain new understanding of consciousness, dreams, drugs, emotions, memory loss, and many kindred subjects."--William Warner Line drawings.

The authors have purposely chosen to portray a relatively mild case of TS since the majority of cases are mild, yet the more severe symptoms of TS are also introduced in the course of the story. Much of the value of the story lies in the way it presents Tourette's syndrome and its associated disorders in the context of everyday experience.

*Figuring* explores the complexities of love and the human search for truth and meaning through the interconnected lives of several historical figures across four centuries--beginning with the astronomer Johannes Kepler, who discovered the laws of planetary motion, and ending with the marine biologist and author Rachel Carson, who catalyzed the environmental movement. Stretching between these figures is a cast of artists, writers, and scientists--mostly women, mostly queer--whose public contribution have risen out of their unclassifiable and often heartbreaking private relationships to change the way we understand, experience, and appreciate the universe. Among them are the astronomer Maria Mitchell, who paved the way for women in science; the sculptor Harriet Hosmer, who did the same in art; the journalist and literary critic Margaret Fuller, who sparked the feminist movement; and the poet Emily Dickinson. Emanating from these lives are larger questions about the measure of a good life and what it means to leave a lasting mark of betterment on an imperfect world: Are achievement and acclaim enough for happiness? Is genius? Is love? Weaving through the narrative is a set of peripheral figures--Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charles Darwin, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Herman Melville, Frederick Douglass, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Walt Whitman--and a tapestry of themes spanning music, feminism, the history of science, the rise and decline of religion, and how the intersection of astronomy, poetry, and Transcendentalist philosophy fomented the environmental movement.

Whether enemy or ally, demon or god, the source of satisfaction or the root of all earthly troubles, the penis has forced humanity to wrestle with its enduring mysteries. Here, in an enlightening and entertaining cultural study, is a book that gives context to the central role of the penis in Western civilization. A man can hold his manhood in his hand, but who is really gripping whom? Is the penis the best in man -- or the beast? How is man supposed to use it? And when does that use become abuse? Of all the bodily organs, only the penis forces man to confront such contradictions: something insistent yet reluctant, a tool that creates but also destroys, a part of the body that often seems apart from the body. This is the conundrum that makes the penis both hero and villain in a drama that shapes every man -- and mankind along with it. In *A Mind of Its Own*, David M. Friedman shows that the penis is more than a body part. It is an idea, a conceptual but flesh-and-blood measuring stick of man's place in the world. That men have a penis is a scientific fact; how they think about it, feel about it, and use it is not. It is possible to identify the key moments in Western history when a new idea of the penis addressed the larger

mystery of man's relationship with it and changed forever the way that organ was conceived of and put to use. *A Mind of Its Own* brilliantly distills this complex and largely unexamined story. Deified by the pagan cultures of the ancient world and demonized by the early Roman church, the organ was later secularized by pioneering anatomists such as Leonardo da Vinci. After being measured "scientifically" in an effort to subjugate some races while elevating others, the organ was psychoanalyzed by Sigmund Freud. As a result, the penis assumed a paradigmatic role in psychology -- whether the patient was equipped with the organ or envied those who were. Now, after being politicized by feminism and exploited in countless ways by pop culture, the penis has been medicalized. As no one has before him, Friedman shows how the arrival of erection industry products such as Viagra is more than a health or business story. It is the latest -- and perhaps final -- chapter in one of the longest sagas in human history: the story of man's relationship with his penis. *A Mind of Its Own* charts the vicissitudes of that relationship through its often amusing, occasionally alarming, and never boring course. With intellectual rigor and a healthy dose of wry humor, David M. Friedman serves up one of the most thought-provoking, significant, and readable cultural works in years.

**Poetry: A Mind of Its Own** This book of poetry was written over a period of eight years. Many of the poems were in the author's imagination, and some were based on her experiences. She found an outlet to rid herself of dangling thoughts and memories. A registered nurse by profession, she found some peace while writing about Parkinson's disease—the big P, as she refers to it. At retirement age and at the beginning of a rough roll through life, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease—a fine retirement present! The book includes a variety of themes usually ending in a positive slant. The book includes poems that make a tribute to those who passed and that add some comfort to the ones left behind. The protagonists are people, dogs, streams, an island, and a variety of thoughts and feelings. The poems are written simply, and they do rhyme, creating a path for the poem to follow. Poems seem to have a mind of their own, leading the author on a journey she did not expect. Enjoy this collection when you are looking for something to do that will make you smile.

**A Mind of Its Own: How Your Brain Distorts and Deceives** W. W. Norton & Company

A little chameleon is distressed he doesn't have his own color like other animals, until he meets an older, wiser chameleon.

A mix of mystery and history, *Gourmet Ghosts* is a unique guide to more than 40 haunted bars and restaurants in Los Angeles. Including new and previously-unpublished stories, photographs and eyewitness accounts, this book also digs into the newspaper archives to find out if there's any truth to the tales - and offers tips on the best food, drink and Happy Hours. From Downtown to Hollywood and from West Hollywood to the Westside, you can find out which booth to choose if you want to dine with a ghost, read about "'The Night Watchman'" at the Spring Arts Tower, walk in the steps of "'Glover's Ghost'" at Yamashiro or examine the strange pictures from the Queen Mary and the Mandrake Bar. Your table is ready!

The world is a scary place. And your brain is trying to make sense of it 24/7/365. Your brain also loves making shortcuts. Even if good judgement and logic is thrown out the window. Sometimes it doesn't have time to calculate all of the potential possibilities, outcomes, consequences, and results. So it makes a quick decision. And sometimes, that decision can be done too quickly. These quick judgements are called Cognitive Biases (or heuristics or logical fallacies) You will look back at the past and think you knew it all along. You will assume you know things going forward. You will make guesses about people or places when you have very little real world exposure to them. And 14 other massive brain failures you commit every single day. That's what this book aims to tackle: the 17 worst ways that your brain is ruining your life and your success. You will learn exactly what you're doing AND how to overcome each bias so you can become more successful, even if just by a little bit. You will also learn how YOU can overcome these biases so you can live a happier and more successful life. ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Alex Ogorek is a successful serial entrepreneur, author, gamer, software designer, and life coach. He has launched multiple businesses, and has coached dozens of peoples' careers over the years. Alex is a master of getting things done, and knows to act when the going gets tough. He has created a system that has gotten a 6-figure income, a solid marriage, and a healthy lifestyle for himself and for others. Alex loves to travel and be a part of innovative technologies

"Psychotherapy is a practice in search of a theory. Recent advances in relational neuroscience and attachment research now offer convincing avenues for understanding how the 'talking cure' helps clients recover. Drawing on Karl Friston's Free Energy Principle and contemporary attachment theory this book shows how psychotherapy works. This pioneering text provides a deep theoretical explanation for how psychotherapy helps sufferers overcome trauma, redress relationship difficulties and ameliorate depression. Neuroscience validates the psychoanalytic principles of establishing a trusting therapeutic secure base; using ambiguity to bring pre-formed assumptions into view for revision; dream analysis, free association and playfulness in extending clients' repertoire of narratives for meeting life's vicissitudes; and re-starting the capacity to learn from experience. Holmes demonstrates how psychotherapy works at a neuroscientific level, making complex ideas vivid and comprehensible for a wide readership."--Publisher marketing.

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