

The Mind Of A Savant Language Learning And Modularity

Here is a book which could change your life. Marilyn Vos Savant and Leonore Fleischer demonstrate how the power and capacity of your brain and intelligence can be exercised and strengthened like any muscle in the body. If you take the time to exercise and build your brain power you will be able to increase your abilities and realise your full potential. BRAIN POWER contains a 12-week mental training programme consisting of practical exercises to stretch your mind and build the power and capacity of your brain and intelligence. Learn how to view the world more clearly, accept challenges, make decisions, attack problems, explore the unknown, remember things more accurately and open your mind to new ideas and live life to the full. The result will be an improvement in quality of life, career success and personal achievement. You don't have to know mathematics to have a mathematical mind, and you don't need a degree to improve your brain power. You just need determination and this book.

This book re-examines the case of Nadia, discovered as a child aged six, who had been drawing with phenomenal skill and visual realism from the age of three, despite having autism and severe learning difficulties. The original research was published in 1977 and caused great international interest. Nadia Revisited updates her story and reconsiders the theories that endeavour to explain her extraordinary talent. As well as summarising the central issues from the original case study and presenting her remarkable drawings, the book explains Nadia's subsequent development and present situation in light of the recent research on autistic spectrum disorders and representational drawing in children. The book also considers the phenomenon of savant syndrome, the condition in which those with autism or other learning disabilities have areas of unusual talent that contrast dramatically with their general functioning. Lorna Selfe uses this single case study to discuss theories of developmental psychology and considers the possible links between prodigious talent and underlying neurological dysfunction. The book is especially valuable for students and teachers of developmental psychology and neuropsychology, education and special education, as well as art and art education. Parents of autistic children or those with related disorders, learning difficulties or special needs will also be interested in the discussions presented in this book.

A time traveling cave. A vicious band of miners...and pure gold. When West Virginia teenagers Emma and Brody promised their neighbor, a famous geologist, to help rebuild his decimated rock and mineral collection for a museum display, they didn't know they would be in for the magical ride of a lifetime. After a successful trip to 1775 England where they collected the rare Blue John Fluorite, the teens are quick to jump at the chance to travel to the California Gold Rush in 1851. When they arrive at the Gold Rush and meet an old acquaintance, they think the mission will be easy until they realize their friend may not be able to help them at all. When their actions in the past erase their future, can Emma and Brody right the wrong? With a hostile group of miners hot on their trail, Brody and Emma must collect the gold, save their friends, and salvage the future before it is too late. Rusher's Gold is the second book in the middle grade adventure/sci-fi series Crystal Cave Adventures. If you like adventure and time travel mixed with your geology, then you'll love Tracy Diane's exciting series.

The editor of this volume, having research interests in the field of ROS production and the damage to cellular systems, has identified a number of enzymes showing :OH scavenging activities details of which are anticipated to be published in the near future as confirmatory experiments are awaited. It is hoped that the information presented in this book on NDs will stimulate both expert and novice researchers in the field with excellent overviews of the current status of research and pointers to future research goals. Clinicians, nurses as well as families and caregivers should also benefit from the material presented in handling and treating their specialised cases. Also the insights gained should be valuable for further understanding of the diseases at molecular levels and should lead to development of new biomarkers, novel diagnostic tools and more effective therapeutic drugs to treat the clinical problems raised by these devastating diseases.

Seeking Crystal
Geniuses, Prodigies and Savants
Understanding Savant Syndrome
The Agile Mind
Language, Learning and Modularity
How Genes Set the Balance Between Autism and Psychosis
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The Imprinted Brain sets out a radical new theory of the mind and mental illness based on the recent discovery of genomic imprinting. Imprinted genes are those from one parent that, in that parent's interest, are expressed in an offspring rather than the diametrically opposed genes from the other parent. For example, a higher birth weight may represent the dominance of the father's genes in leading to a healthy child, whereas a lower birth weight is beneficial to the mother's immediate wellbeing, and the imprint of the mother's genes will result in a smaller baby. According to this view, a win for the father's genes may result in autism, whereas one for the mother's may result in psychosis. A state of equilibrium - normality - is the most likely outcome, with a no-win situation of balanced expression. Imprinted genes typically produce symptoms that are opposites of each other, and the author uses psychiatric case material to show how many of the symptoms of psychosis can be shown to be the mental mirror-images of those of autism. Combining psychiatry with insights from modern genetics and cognitive science, Christopher Badcock explains the fascinating imprinted brain theory to the reader in a thorough but accessible way. This new theory casts some intriguing new light on other topics as diverse as the nature of genius, the appeal of detective fiction, and the successes - and failures - of psychoanalysis. This thought-provoking book is a must-read for anyone with an interest in autism, psychiatry, cognitive science or psychology in general.

His mind can save the world, if she can save him from the human race... The Shield is Earth's only defence. Rendering the planet invisible from space, it keeps humanity safe from alien invasion. The Actives maintain the shield - no one is sure how - but without them, the Shield cannot function. When an Active called Tobe finds himself caught in a probability loop, the Shield is compromised. Soon, Tobe's malady spreads among the Active. Earth becomes vulnerable. Tobe's assistant, Metoo, is only interested in his wellbeing. Earth security's paramount concern is the preservation of the Shield. As Metoo strives to prevent Tobe's masters from undermining his fragile equilibrium, the global danger escalates. The Shield must be maintained at all costs...

Drawing on 20 years of research, Hermelin describes not just what autistic savants do, but how they do it. In her fascinating and highly informative book she describes her investigations into the nature of the talents of savants who are gifted at poetry, foreign language acquisition, the visual arts, music, and calendar and numerical calculations.

Nadia Revisited
Urville
Perfect Pitch in the Key of Autism
Extraordinary People
Neurodegenerative Diseases
Touched by the Gods
Bright Splinters of the Mind
Owner of "the most remarkable mind on the planet," (according to Entertainment Weekly) Daniel Tammet captivated readers and won worldwide critical acclaim with the 2007 New York Times bestselling memoir, Born On A Blue Day, and its vivid depiction of a life with autistic savant syndrome. In his fascinating new book, he writes with characteristic clarity and personal awareness as he sheds light on the mysteries of savants' incredible mental abilities, and our own. Tammet explains that the differences between savant and non-savant minds have been exaggerated; his astonishing capacities in memory, math and language are neither due to a cerebral supercomputer nor any genetic quirk, but are rather the results of a highly rich and complex associative form of thinking and imagination. Autistic thought, he argues, is an extreme variation of a kind that we all do, from daydreaming to the use of puns and metaphors. Embracing the Wide Sky combines meticulous scientific research with Tammet's detailed descriptions of how his mind works to demonstrate the immense potential within us all. He explains how our natural intuitions can help us to learn a foreign language, why his memories are like symphonies, and what numbers and giraffes have in common. We also discover why there is more to intelligence than IQ, how optical illusions fool our brains, and why too much information can make you dumb. Many readers will be particularly intrigued by Tammet's original ideas concerning the genesis of genius and exceptional creativity. He illustrates his arguments with examples as diverse as the private languages of twins, the compositions of poets with autism, and the breakthroughs, and breakdowns, of some of history's greatest minds. Embracing the Wide Sky is a unique and brilliantly imaginative portrait of how we think, learn, remember and create, brimming with personal insights and anecdotes, and explanations of the most up-to-date, mind-bending discoveries from fields ranging from neuroscience to psychology and linguistics. This is a profound and provocative book that will transform our understanding and respect for every kind of mind.

"Max Shannon and Martin Hussey have the Ultimate powers of destruction and protection within their grasp. It is while in Riyadh, researching new and deadly eye-guided 'looks that kill' technology, that Max first hears about the miraculous Iraqi tank which has survived the West's formidable weaponry. Round after round of armour-piercing shells have been fired at it, yet each missile has exploded a few metres away. What is the explanation of the tank that will not die? The link between this inexplicable phenomenon and an unsmiling, autistic 16-year-old savant girl is the key to James Follett's dazzling new technothriller, which posits a terrifying scenario - of unworlly but scientifically possible energies harnessed to ruthless motivation..." - back cover.

A father's inspiring account of Kim Peek, made famous by Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman.

Did you know your brain has superpowers? Berit Brogaard, PhD, and Kristian Marlow, MA, study people with astonishing talents—memory champions, human echolocators, musical virtuosos, math geniuses, and synesthetes who taste colors and hear faces. But as amazing as these abilities are, they are not mysterious. Our brains constantly process a huge amount of information below our awareness, and what these gifted individuals have in common is that through practice, injury, an innate brain disorder, or even more unusual circumstances, they have managed to gain a degree of conscious access to this potent processing power. The Superhuman Mind takes us inside the lives and brains of geniuses, savants, virtuosos, and a wide variety of ordinary people who have acquired truly extraordinary talents, one way or another. Delving into the neurological underpinnings of these abilities, the authors even reveal how we can acquire some of them ourselves—from perfect pitch and lightning fast math skills to supercharged creativity. The Superhuman Mind is a book full of the fascinating science readers look for from the likes of Oliver Sacks, combined with the exhilarating promise of Moonwalking with Einstein.

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How to Be 'Normal'

The Cavernous Mind of Thomas Jefferson, an American Savant

A Personal Story of Research with Autistic Savants

The Signs of a Savant

Classic Case Studies in Psychology

Some Kind of Genius

For the first time in Extraordinary People, the psychiatrist who was a consultant to the movie Rain Man, collects the most fascinating cases of Savant Syndrome both in history and modern times. Dr. Treffert documents the spectacular abilities—the islands of genius—in these remarkable persons, and describes as well the love, determination and dedication of their equally remarkable families, teachers and caretakers. He shares the observations of the far-reaching implications this astonishing condition has for understanding brain function and hidden potential in all of us. In this book, Wilma Koutstaal covers all aspects of agile thought, and how it emerges from and interacts with memory, perception, emotion, executive control, motivation, and action, as well as how it is related to creativity, mediated by learning and environmental input, enhanced by plasticity, and destroyed by rigidity. The Agile Mind brings together much theory and work in cognitive neuroscience and cognitive psychology, so will be a valuable resource for researchers in those fields.

Have you heard about the man who lived with a hole in his head? Or the boy raised by his parents as a girl? From the woman with multiple personalities, to the man with no brain, this collection of case studies provides a compelling insight into the human mind. This is a fascinating collection of human stories. Some are well-known case studies that have informed clinical practice, others are relatively unknown. For this edition, Rolls has added recent research findings on each case study plus four brand new cases: the story of Washoe, the ape who could communicate; the much debated case of Holly Ramona and repressed memory; and Kim Peek, the real 'Rainman'. Classic Case Studies in Psychology is for everyone who has ever wondered about the stranger side of life. No prior knowledge of psychology is required, just an open mind.

For those who wish to use this book as part of their studies, or who are just keen to learn more, fun multiple choice questions, fascinating further reading, helpful web links, and self-assessment questions are all available free on our website, www.routledge.com/cw/rolls. Prepare to be amazed ...

From the author of the award-winning debut novel, The Book of Moon..."An exceptional coming-of-age tale! Wonderful characters-and the perfect balance of humor and poignancy." -Lesley Kagen, author of Every Now and Then, The Mutual Admiration Society, and Whistling in the Dark ?????? Got it! That's the mantra of Gregory "Friz" Collins, a Texas boy who chases footballs like a border collie romping after frisbees-until a concussion knocks him clear into another hemisphere. Friz is not one in a million-he's one in many millions. Because... Injuring his brain...opens his mind. When it rewires, Friz has an astounding new ability. THE BOY WHO HAS NEVER PICKED UP A GUITAR CAN NOW PLAY ONE LIKE A ROCKSTAR. He is an "acquired savant"-a rare individual whose brain takes a spectacular turn for the better following serious injury. Naturally, there are consequences-sudden celebrity and viral notoriety. Worse, he is tormented by guilt... for a crime he can't remember committing. Friz's path forward leads to the Mississippi Delta with three colorful bluesmen, where he finds himself while nearly losing his life. On the way, his eyes open wide to racism, white privilege-and the meaning of true friendship.

The Journey of a Mega-Savant

Soldier, Sister, Savant

The 12-week Mental Training Programme

Language Against the Odds

The Bountiful Mind of the Autistic, Acquired, and Sudden Savant

The Mind of a Savant

Surfing Uncertainty

With topics ranging from language death to sign language, Language, Frogs and Savants offers a glimpse into the fascinating world of linguistics. Written by one of the most senior figures in linguistics. Features fascinating topics ranging from language death to sign language.

Includes an introduction to the current vision of linguistics most closely associated with Noam Chomsky. Contains a glossary of all technical terms and interpretations.

This title brings together work on embodiment, action, and the predictive mind. At the core is the vision of human minds as prediction machines - devices that constantly try to stay one step ahead of the breaking waves of sensory stimulation, by actively predicting the incoming flow. In every situation we encounter, that complex prediction machinery is already buzzing, proactively trying to anticipate the sensory barrage. The book shows in detail how this strange but potent strategy of self-anticipation ushers perception, understanding, and imagination simultaneously onto the cognitive stage.

Savants are people who are mentally and often physically impaired but who have one dazzling talent. Cases of savants, like Christopher who is described here, are not unheard of, but have never been reported before. Despite being unable to look after himself because he has difficulty with everyday tasks, Christopher can read, write, translate and communicate in fifteen to twenty different languages. In this original, detailed and wide-ranging study, Neil Smith and Ianthi-Maria Tsimplii not only provide insight into the mind of one unique individual, but simultaneously cast light on the nature of language and thought in general. By exploiting recent developments in both linguistics and psychology the authors have made an essential contribution to the whole field of cognitive science.

Soldier, Sister, Savant is a rare and inspirational story of an acquired art savant whose artistry emerged after a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and exacerbation of multiple sclerosis. This hybrid memoir, featuring Diana de Avila's extraordinary artwork, takes readers on her journey from soldier at 18 years of age to Sister in a convent, to highly sought-after digital artist. Readers will discover the enormous roles that faith, family, resilience, and resolve played in de Avila's ability to overcome life-threatening odds in order to become an artist.

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat

Language, Frogs and Savants

A Tour Across the Horizons of the Mind

A Super Upsetting Cookbook about Sandwiches

Rusher's Gold

And Other Clinical Tales

The Sasquatch Savant Theory

After a violent mugging forever altered the way his brain works, the author, the first documented case of acquired savant syndrome with mathematical synesthesia, recounts how he overcame huge setbacks and embraced his unique gifts.

An eye-opening short book by the international bestselling writer of Born on a Blue Day and Thinking in Numbers. Have you ever wondered how neurotypicals - so called 'normal' people - come across to those who are on the autistic spectrum? What would an instruction manual about being an average human being look like to them? And actually, would it be that different, fundamentally, to a field guide about autistic people (were such a thing to exist)? Daniel Tammet is an essayist, poet, novelist and translator. In 2004, he was diagnosed with high-functioning autistic savant syndrome. In this eye-opening and fascinating book, he takes readers on a tour around nightclubs, ponders the significance of tattoos, delves into anti-age creams and puzzles over playing the lottery, all from the perspective of someone who approaches everything in life from a unique angle. After all, this is a man for whom Wednesdays are always blue, who sees numbers as shapes and who learned conversational Icelandic from scratch in seven days. These short essays come together in a beautifully written, sometimes humorous but always refreshing narrative that focuses on the eccentricities of modern life as seen through the eyes of someone always on the outside. Rather wonderfully, it illustrates the eccentricity inherent in every kind of mind, reminding us of the little-noticed strangeness of our common humanity, while subtly questioning what it means to be thought 'normal'.

Every once in a while nature gives us insight into the human condition by providing us with a unique case whose special properties illuminate the species as a whole. Christopher is such an example. Despite disabilities which mean that everyday tasks are burdensome chores, Christopher is a linguistics wonder who can read, write, speak, understand and translate more than twenty languages. On some tests he shows a severely low IQ, hinting at ineducability, yet his English language ability indicates an IQ in excess of 120 (a level more than sufficient to enter university). Christopher is a savant, someone with an island of startling talent in a sea of inability. This book documents his learning of British Sign Language, casting light on the modularity of cognition, the modality neutrality of the language faculty, the structure of memory, the grammar of signed language and the nature of the human mind.

In his most extraordinary book, the bestselling author of Awakenings and "poet laureate of medicine" (The New York Times) recounts the case histories of patients inhabiting the compelling world of neurological disorders, from those who are no longer able to recognize common objects to those who gain extraordinary new skills. Featuring a new preface, Oliver Sacks's The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat tells the stories of individuals afflicted with perceptual and intellectual disorders: patients who have lost their memories and with them the greater part of their pasts; who are no longer able to recognize people and common objects; whose limbs seem alien to them; who lack some skills yet are gifted with uncanny artistic or mathematical talents. In Dr. Sacks's splendid and sympathetic telling, his patients are deeply human and his tales are studies of struggles against incredible adversity. A great healer, Sacks never loses sight of medicine's ultimate responsibility: "the suffering, afflicted, fighting human subject."

A Novel

Expanding the Savant Theory

The Life and Message of the Real Rain Man Prediction, Action, and the Embodied Mind A Guide for Educators, Parents, and the Musically Gifted Struck by Genius

How a Brain Injury Made Me a Mathematical Marvel

The gods had chosen the Domdur to rule the world, and had chosen Malledd to be their champion among the Domdur.They had not asked Malledd whether he wanted the job.Now a wizard has raised an army of the undead to overthrow the Domdur Empire, and the world awaits the divine champion who is to save them -- but will Malledd come?And if he does, can he be the savior the Domdur expect, or has the gods' favor turned elsewhere?

Traces the inspiring story of an autistic savant with genius-level mathematical talents, describing how he was eschewed by his classmates in spite of his near-photographic memory and super-human capacity for math and language, in a firsthand account that offers insight into how he experiences the world. Reprint. 100,000 first printing.

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Notes on the eccentricities of modern life

Born On A Blue Day

Brain Power

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Free the Genius in Your Brain

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

The Accidental Savant

Urville, the capital of a large island province, has a population of nearly 12 million, making it the one of the most significant cities in Europe. It is also entirely imaginary. Gilles Tréhin, an autistic man with exceptional creative talents and an obsession with large cities, conceived and developed Urville over the course of 20 years. He shares his vision in this beautifully illustrated guide to the city, which he renders convincingly real in nearly 300 drawings of different districts of Urville. He describes, in remarkable detail, the architectural styles of its individual buildings and provides historical, geographical, economic and cultural information. This includes historical figures and cultural anecdotes grounded in historical reality - Tréhin accounts for the effects of the Vichy regime, the Second World War and globalisation on his imagined city. This book offers fascinating evidence of and insight into the creative power of the autistic mind and will be of interest to people with autism and without.

A tour of brain science and the latest understandings about the human mind explores the disparity between the brain's seemingly endless capacity and its tendency to fail at even simple tasks, in an account by a famous autistic savant that incorporates elements of his own story. Reprint.

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour's dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read.

What would you do if you could predict future events? Enjoy The SAVANT, a profound and compelling story that follows the journey of a boy with a unique form of 'savant syndrome.' Because of his autism, a twelve-year-old boy is kept out of school and lives on a farm with his grandfather and uncle. Then, one day he falls out of an oak tree and everything changes. He suddenly perceives the world in a different way, where spoken words appear as vibrant colors and minute details emerge from everything. Most surprising, he can foresee outcomes, for instance, knowing which horse will win a race. He considers what to do with this extraordinary ability, and that takes him on an expedition across America and eventually to Europe. Along the way, he encounters intimidating foes, and ultimately, he makes a startling discovery leading him to a confrontation with his greatest adversary. Follow the journey of this fascinating young person who lacks social skills and doesn't experience emotions in a normal way. At the same time, he has profound insights about the world, as he attempts to find out who he is, and the basis of his identity. The book is also a captivating spiritual journey, as the boy struggles to fathom the meaning of love, and the reasons why things are good or bad. He even uses his prophetic abilities to understand where history is going and its ultimate end. Cass Tell is the author of numerous novels on various themes. The SAVANT deviates from the others. For instance, his last novel, The COOKBOOK is a delightful and fun action thriller about a young woman whose life is shockingly changed because of mysteries she finds in her grandmother's old cookbook. Equally enjoyable, The SAVANT goes in another direction, as it deals with the riches we find in those who are different from the normal. This fiction book is an exploration of the uniqueness of the individual, containing a profound questioning of how and why we perceive and react as we do. Packed with humor and emotion, this story provides insights at a rare level. The Savant is fun and enjoyable, full of adventure, relationships, mystery, and prophecy.

The Drawings of an Artistic Savant

A Longitudinal Study of an Autistic Savant

Can the past erase the future?

The Real Rain Man, Kim Peek

More Linguistic Problems, Puzzles and Polemics

Savant

The Savant

In this fascinating book, Dr. Treffert looks at what we know about savant syndrome, and at new discoveries that raise interesting questions about the hidden brain potential within us all. He looks both at how savant skills can be nurtured, and how they can help the person who has them, particularly if that person is on the autism spectrum.

Autistic people and musical individuals often have perfect pitch, a gift they were born with. The musical gift may be accompanied with learning differences such as reading comprehension problems, trouble with mathematics, and significant difficulties in learning how to read music. This book was written by a music therapist and an autistic researcher, and is endorsed by leading experts in the field of autism and special-needs education. The Rancer Method is presented as page-by-page instructions to be implemented with readily-available method books so that every piano teacher can follow it and do well by their students. "By focusing on the abilities rather than the deficits of people with learning, perceptual, motor, and other differences, Kupferstein and Rancer have developed a revolutionary piano pedagogy that will empower individuals with autism and other differences by unleashing the power of what can be done." Stephen M. Shore, Ed.D. Internationally known professor, consultant, speaker, and author on issues related to the autism spectrum and special education. Person on the autism spectrum p>"This book will help the quirky kid who is different to be successful in music. This method may help open musical doors for many individuals on the autism spectrum." Temple Grandin, author Thinking in Pictures and The Autistic Brain.

Modern life is an ever-accelerating barrage of people, buildings, vehicles, creatures, and things. How much can a curious mind take in? And what can it do with all the data? Gregory L. Blackstock, a retired Seattle pot washer, draws order out of all the chaos with a pencil, a black marker, and some crayons. Blackstock is autistic and an artistic savant. He creates visual lists of everything from wasps to hats to emergency vehicles to noisemakers. In the spirit of the Outsider art of Henry Darger and Howard Finster, Blackstock makes art that is stirring in its profusion and detail and inspiring in its simple beauty. He has never received formal artistic training, yet his renderings clearly and beguilingly show subtle differences and similaritiesenabling the viewer to see, for example, the distinctive features of a dolly varden, a Pacific Coast steelhead cutthroat, and fourteen other types of trout. Each collection is lovingly captioned in Blackstock's unique hand with texts that reflect facts from his research as well as his passions and preferences. Blackstock's Collections contains over 100 extraordinary examples of his splendidly original taxonomy, offering a unique look inside the mind of a man making sense of life through art. Monsters of the Deep Major Forestry Pests The Great Cabbage Family The Spatulas The World War II U.S. Bombers The Buoys King Sized Jails Monsters of the Past Classical Clowns Great Italian Roosters Our State Lighthouses The Irish Joys When fate throws Crystal Brook into the path of Xav Benedict, the personality clash is explosive. It's hate at first sight. As their families gather in Venice, a powerful enemy seizes the opportunity to attack. Xav and Crystal must unite to save their loved ones, discovering a secret that entwines them forever . . .

Embracing the Wide Sky

Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant

The Extraordinary Journey of Musical Savant Tony DeBlois

Islands of Genius

Three Books in One

The Mind of Sasquatch II

Published to coincide with the release of his latest CD, an account of the life of the autistic musical savant describes the early manifestations of his abilities in childhood, graduation with honors from the Berklee College of Music, and international performances as an improvisational jazz musician.

While every biographer has something to say concerning Thomas Jefferson's cavernous mind—his varied interests and the depth of his understanding of them—there has never been, strange as it might seem, a non-anthology dedicated to fleshing out key features of his mind, exploring Jefferson's varied interests through his varied personae. This book—studying Jefferson as lawyer, moralist, politician, scientist, epistolist, aesthetician, farmer, educationalist, and philologist—does just that. In tracing out the many “hats” Jefferson wore, there are many disclosures here. For instance, personal growth and human betterment were driving forces throughout his life, and they shaped his liberal and agrarian political philosophy, which, in turn, shaped his philosophy of education. Moreover, Jefferson was a great lover of beauty, but beauty for him was always second to functionality. That had implications for his views on agriculture, morality, aesthetics, philology, and even the Fine Arts. The structure of this book—covering an array of topics related to the mind of Jefferson—will make it appeal to a large audience. In addition, scholarly details in each chapter will make it must-read for Jeffersonian researchers.

This is a heart-warming, awe-inspiring story of Kim Peek, the mega-savant who was the inspiration for the movie, Rain Man, and his father, Fran, who is an unparalleled role model for every parent. Learn about Kim's unique brain structure, reclusive early childhood, remarkable transformation, prodigious-savant memory abilities in 15 subject areas, and vast impact on the education adult disability community, "golden rule" message, and symbiotic relationship with his father. This book will help you better understand the wonder of Kim and his amazing abilities as a "prodigious intellectual memory savant: who has read and memorized over 12,000 books! It will also indelibly imprint on your mind and heart the power of unconditional parental love.

"Tyler Kord is chef-owner of the lauded No. 7 restaurant and No. 7 Sub shops in New York. He is also a fabulously neurotic man who directs his energy into careless ruminations on sandwich philosophy, love, self-loathing, pay phones, getting drunk in the shower, Tom Cruise, food ethics, and what it's like having the names of two different women tattooed on your body. Most of these ruminations also happen to be truly excellent recipes."--Amazon.com.