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 York: Summit Books,
 1984.

Working on Mars

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 A testimony to the power
 of one woman's spirit, this
 moving collection of
 autobiographical tales and
 family stories portrays a
 Native American teacher's
 struggle between her
 heritage and American
 society.

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 From the legendary
 author of *The Man Who
 Mistook His Wife for a Hat*:
 a volume of essays on
 everything from
 primordial life and the
 mysteries of the brain to
 the ancient ginkgo and
 the power of the written
 word. "Magical . . .

[Everything in *Its Place*]
 showcases the
 neurologist's infinitely
 curious mind."—People
 Magazine In this volume,
 Oliver Sacks examines the
 many passions that
 defined his life--both as a
 doctor engaged with the
 central questions of
 human existence and as a
 polymath conversant in all

the sciences. Everything
 in *Its Place* brings
 together writings on a rich
 variety of topics. Why do
 humans need gardens?
 How, and when, does a
 physician tell his patient
 she has Alzheimer's?
 What is social media
 doing to our brains? In
 several of the
 compassionate case
 histories included here,
 we see Sacks consider the
 enigmas of depression,
 psychosis, and
 schizophrenia for the first
 time. In others, he returns
 to conditions that have
 long fascinated him:
 Tourette's syndrome,
 aging, dementia, and
 hallucinations. In
 counterpoint to these
 elegant investigations of
 what makes us human,
 this volume also includes
 pieces that celebrate
 Sacks's love of the natural
 world--and his final
 meditations on life in the
 twenty-first century.

An Inquiry Into Modes of Existence

The irresistible picture
 books and novels that
 make up *The Adventures
 of Cosmo - Our Hero of
 the Environment* have
 been a smash success in
 Quebec, and they are now
 available to readers in
 English. *Cosmo* is a dodo
 who was born on the
 island of Mauritius. But
 the fearless, flightless

birds were no match for
 humans and their guns,
 and about three hundred
 years ago, dodos became
 extinct. *Cosmo* is the last
 of his kind, and since he
 knows firsthand the toll
 that people can take on
 Earth's species, he
 becomes a champion of
 the environment. In this
 critically acclaimed new
 series, *Cosmo's*
 adventures take him
 through space on his
 mission. Part adventure,
 part message, and all fun,
The Adventures of Cosmo
 - *Our Hero of the
 Environment* are perfect
 ways to introduce children
 to positive action on
 behalf of our planet.

Musicophilia Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

An extraordinary
 collection of interviews
 with the beloved doctor
 and author, whose
 research and books
 inspired generations of
 readers Oliver
 Sacks—called “the poet
 laureate of medicine” by
 the New York
 Times—illuminated the
 mysteries of the brain for
 a wide audience in a
 series of richly acclaimed
 books, including
Awakenings and *The Man
 Who Mistook His Wife for
 a Hat*, and numerous New
 Yorker articles. In this
 collection of interviews,
 Sacks is at his most

candid and disarming, rich with insights about his life and work. Any reader of Sacks will find in this book an entirely new way of looking at a brilliant writer.

Cultural Anthropology:

101 Vintage Canada

Anthropology is the study of all humans in all times in all places. But it is so much more than that.

"Anthropology requires strength, valor, and courage," Nancy Scheper-Hughes noted. "Pierre Bourdieu called anthropology a combat sport, an extreme sport as well as a tough and rigorous discipline. ... It teaches students not to be afraid of getting one's hands dirty, to get down in the dirt, and to commit yourself, body and mind. Susan Sontag called anthropology a "heroic" profession." What is the payoff for this heroic journey? You will find ideas that can carry you across rivers of doubt and over mountains of fear to find the the light and life of places forgotten. Real anthropology cannot be contained in a book. You have to go out and feel the world's jagged edges, wipe its dust from your brow, and at times, leave your blood in its soil. In this unique book, Dr. Michael Wesch shares

many of his own adventures of being an anthropologist and what the science of human beings can tell us about the art of being human. This special first draft edition is a loose framework for more and more complete future chapters and writings. It serves as a companion to anth101.com, a free and open resource for instructors of cultural anthropology. This 2018 text is a revision of the "first draft edition" from 2017 and includes 7 new chapters.

The Art of Being

Human Lennex

From the best-selling author of *Gratitude, On the Move*, and *Musicophilia*, a collection of essays that displays Oliver Sacks's passionate engagement with the most compelling and seminal ideas of human endeavor: evolution, creativity, memory, time, consciousness, and experience. Oliver Sacks, a scientist and a storyteller, is beloved by readers for the extraordinary neurological case histories (*Awakenings*, *An Anthropologist on Mars*) in which he introduced and explored many now familiar disorders--autism, Tourette's syndrome, face

blindness, savant syndrome. He was also a memoirist who wrote with honesty and humor about the remarkable and strange encounters and experiences that shaped him (*Uncle Tungsten*, *On the Move*, *Gratitude*). Sacks, an Oxford-educated polymath, had a deep familiarity not only with literature and medicine but with botany, animal anatomy, chemistry, the history of science, philosophy, and psychology. *The River of Consciousness* is one of two books Sacks was working on up to his death, and it reveals his ability to make unexpected connections, his sheer joy in knowledge, and his unceasing, timeless project to understand what makes us human. [Anthro-Vision](#) Vintage Long before Oliver Sacks became a distinguished neurologist and bestselling writer, he was a small English boy fascinated by metals--also by chemical reactions (the louder and smellier the better), photography, squids and cuttlefish, H.G. Wells, and the periodic table. In this endlessly charming and eloquent memoir, the author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* and *Awakenings*

chronicles his love affair with science and the magnificently odd and sometimes harrowing childhood in which that love affair unfolded. In *Uncle Tungsten* we meet Sacks' extraordinary family, from his surgeon mother (who introduces the fourteen-year-old Oliver to the art of human dissection) and his father, a family doctor who imbues in his son an early enthusiasm for housecalls, to his "Uncle Tungsten," whose factory produces tungsten-filament lightbulbs. We follow the young Oliver as he is exiled at the age of six to a grim, sadistic boarding school to escape the London Blitz, and later watch as he sets about passionately reliving the exploits of his chemical heroes—in his own home laboratory. Uncle Tungsten is a crystalline view of a brilliant young mind springing to life, a story of growing up which is by turns elegiac, comic, and wistful, full of the electrifying joy of discovery.

[Animals Make Us Human](#)
Vintage

Explores neurological disorders and their effects upon the minds and lives of those affected with an entertaining voice.

Steps to an Ecology of

Mind Penguin

Like *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, this is a fascinating voyage into a strange and wonderful land, a provocative meditation on communication, biology, adaptation, and culture. In *Seeing Voices*, Oliver Sacks turns his attention to the subject of deafness, and the result is a deeply felt portrait of a minority struggling for recognition and respect — a minority with its own rich, sometimes astonishing, culture and unique visual language, an extraordinary mode of communication that tells us much about the basis of language in hearing people as well. *Seeing Voices* is, as Studs Terkel has written, "an exquisite, as well as revelatory, work."

A Brief History of the Internet The Bright Side: The Dark Side Routledge
When Oliver Sacks was twelve years old, a perceptive schoolmaster wrote in his report: "Sacks will go far, if he does not go too far." It is now abundantly clear that Sacks has never stopped going. From its opening pages on his youthful obsession with motorcycles and speed, *On the Move* is infused with his restless energy.

As he recounts his experiences as a young neurologist in the early 1960s, first in California, where he struggled with drug addiction, and then in New York, where he discovered a long-forgotten illness in the back wards of a chronic hospital, we see how his engagement with patients comes to define his life. With unbridled honesty and humor, Sacks shows us that the same energy that drives his physical passions—weight lifting and swimming—also drives his cerebral passions. He writes about his love affairs, both romantic and intellectual; his guilt over leaving his family to come to America; his bond with his schizophrenic brother; and the writers and scientists—Thom Gunn, A. R. Luria, W. H. Auden, Gerald M. Edelman, Francis Crick—who influenced him. *On the Move* is the story of a brilliantly unconventional physician and writer—and of the man who has illuminated the many ways that the brain makes us human.

[The River of Consciousness](#) Harvard University Press

In *The Mind's Eye*, Oliver Sacks tells the stories of people who are able to

navigate the world and communicate with others despite losing what many of us consider indispensable senses and abilities: the power of speech, the capacity to recognize faces, the sense of three-dimensional space, the ability to read, the sense of sight. For all of these people, the challenge is to adapt to a radically new way of being in the world. There is Lilian, a concert pianist who becomes unable to read music and is eventually unable even to recognize everyday objects, and Sue, a neurobiologist who has never seen in three dimensions, until she suddenly acquires stereoscopic vision in her fifties. There is Pat, who reinvents herself as a loving grandmother and active member of her community, despite the fact that she has aphasia and cannot utter a sentence, and Howard, a prolific novelist who must find a way to continue his life as a writer even after a stroke destroys his ability to read. And there is Dr. Sacks himself, who tells the story of his own eye cancer and the bizarre and disconcerting effects of losing vision to one side. Sacks explores some very strange

paradoxes—people who can see perfectly well but cannot recognize their own children, and blind people who become hyper-visual or who navigate by “tongue vision.” He also considers more fundamental questions: How do we see? How do we think? How important is internal imagery—or vision, for that matter? Why is it that, although writing is only five thousand years old, humans have a universal, seemingly innate, potential for reading? *The Mind’s Eye* is a testament to the complexity of vision and the brain and to the power of creativity and adaptation. And it provides a whole new perspective on the power of language and communication, as we try to imagine what it is to see with another person’s eyes, or another person’s mind.

We Don't Die Vintage
This New York
Times–bestselling book
upends conventional
thinking about autism and
suggests a broader model
for acceptance,
understanding, and full
participation in society for
people who think
differently. What is
autism? A lifelong
disability, or a naturally

occurring form of
cognitive difference akin
to certain forms of
genius? In truth, it is all of
these things and
more—and the future of
our society depends on
our understanding it.
Wired reporter Steve
Silberman unearths the
secret history of autism,
long suppressed by the
same clinicians who
became famous for
discovering it, and finds
surprising answers to the
crucial question of why
the number of diagnoses
has soared in recent
years. Going back to the
earliest days of autism
research, Silberman offers
a gripping narrative of Leo
Kanner and Hans
Asperger, the research
pioneers who defined the
scope of autism in
profoundly different ways;
he then goes on to
explore the game-
changing concept of
neurodiversity.
NeuroTribes considers the
idea that neurological
differences such as
autism, dyslexia, and
ADHD are not errors of
nature or products of the
toxic modern world, but
the result of natural
variations in the human
genome. This
groundbreaking book will
reshape our
understanding of the
history, meaning,

function, and implications of neurodiversity in our world.

The Mind's Eye Simon and Schuster

While today's business world is dominated by technology and data analysis, award-winning financial journalist and anthropology PhD Gillian Tett advocates thinking like an anthropologist to better understand consumer behavior, markets, and organizations to address some of society's most urgent challenges. Amid severe digital disruption, economic upheaval, and political flux, how can we make sense of the world? Leaders today typically look for answers in economic models, Big Data, or artificial intelligence platforms. Gillian Tett points to anthropology—the study of human culture. Anthropologists learn to get inside the minds of other people, helping them not only to understand other cultures but also to appraise their own environment with fresh perspective as an insider-outsider, gaining lateral vision. Today, anthropologists are more likely to study Amazon warehouses than remote Amazon tribes; they have done research into

institutions and companies such as General Motors, Nestlé, Intel, and more, shedding light on practical questions such as how internet users really define themselves; why corporate projects fail; why bank traders miscalculate losses; how companies sell products like pet food and pensions; why pandemic policies succeed (or not). Anthropology makes the familiar seem unfamiliar and vice versa, giving us badly needed three-dimensional perspective in a world where many executives are plagued by tunnel vision, especially in fields like finance and technology. "Fascinating and surprising" (Fareed Zararia, CNN), *Anthro-Vision* offers a revolutionary new way for understanding the behavior of organizations, individuals, and markets in today's ever-evolving world.

The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat: And Other Clinical Tales Vintage Canada

From "the poet laureate of medicine" and national bestselling author of *Awakenings* comes a fascinating investigation of Southern Mexico that explores the origins of chocolate and mescal,

pre-Columbian culture and hallucinogens, and the peculiar passions of botanists. "Light and fast-moving. . . . Among the botanical and anthropological observations, one catches glimpses of Sacks's inner life: his preoccupation with dualities, his nearly Victorian sense of modesty, his fascination with the world around him." —*The New Yorker* Since childhood, Oliver Sacks was fascinated by ferns: an ancient class of plants able to survive and adapt in many climates. Along with a delightful group of fellow fern aficionados—mathematicians, poets, artists, and assorted botanists and birders—he embarked on an exploration of Southern Mexico, a region that is also rich in human history and culture. Combining Sacks's enthusiasm for natural history and the richness of humanity with his sharp and observant eye for detail, *Oaxaca Journal* is a rare treat.

Awakenings MIT Press

What goes on in human beings when they make or listen to music? What is it about music, what gives it such peculiar power over us, power delectable and beneficent for the most part, but also capable of

uncontrollable and sometimes destructive force? Music has no concepts, it lacks images; it has no power of representation, it has no relation to the world. And yet it is evident in all of us—we tap our feet, we keep time, hum, sing, conduct music, mirror the melodic contours and feelings of what we hear in our movements and expressions. In this book, Oliver Sacks explores the power music wields over us—a power that sometimes we control and at other times don't. He explores, in his inimitable fashion, how it can provide access to otherwise unreachable emotional states, how it can revivify neurological avenues that have been frozen, evoke memories of earlier, lost events or states or bring those with neurological disorders back to a time when the world was much richer. This is a book that explores, like no other, the myriad dimensions of our experience of and with music.

The Mysterious Substance Vintage Canada

A fascinating journey into the hidden psychological influences that derail our decision-making, Sway will change the way you

think about the way you think. Why is it so difficult to sell a plummeting stock or end a doomed relationship? Why do we listen to advice just because it came from someone "important"? Why are we more likely to fall in love when there's danger involved? In *Sway*, renowned organizational thinker Ori Brafman and his brother, psychologist Rom Brafman, answer all these questions and more. Drawing on cutting-edge research from the fields of social psychology, behavioral economics, and organizational behavior, Sway reveals dynamic forces that influence every aspect of our personal and business lives, including loss aversion (our tendency to go to great lengths to avoid perceived losses), the diagnosis bias (our inability to reevaluate our initial diagnosis of a person or situation), and the "chameleon effect" (our tendency to take on characteristics that have been arbitrarily assigned to us). Sway introduces us to the Harvard Business School professor who got his students to pay \$204 for a \$20 bill, the head of airline safety whose disregard for his years of training led to the

transformation of an entire industry, and the football coach who turned conventional strategy on its head to lead his team to victory. We also learn the curse of the NBA draft, discover why interviews are a terrible way to gauge future job performance, and go inside a session with the Supreme Court to see how the world's most powerful justices avoid the dangers of group dynamics. Every once in a while, a book comes along that not only challenges our views of the world but changes the way we think. In *Sway*, Ori and Rom Brafman not only uncover rational explanations for a wide variety of irrational behaviors but also point readers toward ways to avoid succumbing to their pull.

An Anthropologist on Mars Penguin

A world at once familiar and unimaginably strange exists all around us, and within us – it is the vast realm of consciousness. In *The Head Trip*, science journalist Jeff Warren explores twelve distinct, natural states of consciousness available to us in a twenty-four-hour day, each state offering its own kind of knowledge and insight – its own adventure. The

hypnagogic state, when our minds hover between waking and sleeping, can be a rich source of creativity and even compassion. Then there's the Watch, an almost magical waking experience in the middle of the night that has been all but lost to electric light and modern sleep patterns. Daydreaming and trance, lucid dreaming, the Zone, and the Pure Conscious Event – from sleep laboratory to remote northern cabin, neurofeedback clinic to Buddhist retreat, Warren visits them all. Along the way, he talks to neuroscientists, chronobiologists, anthropologists, monks,

and many others who illuminate his stories with cutting-edge science and age-old wisdom. On this trip, all are welcome and no drugs are required: all you need to pack are a functioning cerebrum and an open mind. Replete with stylish graphics and brightened by comic panels conceived and drawn by the author, *The Head Trip* is an instant classic, a brilliant and original description of the shifting experience of consciousness that's also a practical guide to enhancing creativity and mental health. This book does not just inform and entertain – it shows how every one of us can

expand upon the ways we experience being alive.

Hallucinations University of Chicago Press

This collection of Wolfe's essays, articles, and chapters from previous collections is filled with observations on U.S. popular culture in the 1960s and 1970s.

Things Not Seen

Currency

Gregory Bateson was a philosopher, anthropologist, photographer, naturalist, and poet, as well as the husband and collaborator of Margaret Mead. This classic anthology of his major work includes a new Foreword by his daughter, Mary Katherine Bateson. 5 line drawings.

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