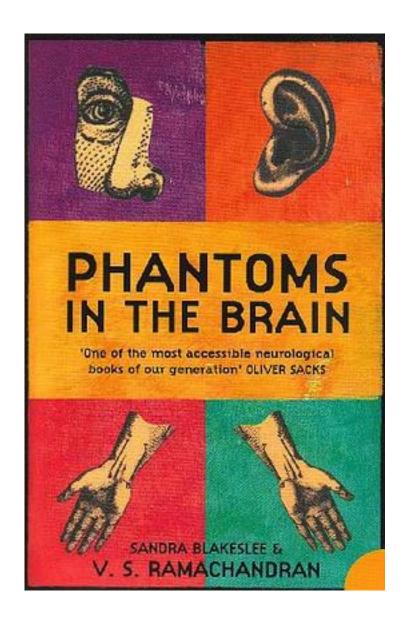
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Neuroscientist V.S. Ramachandran is internationally renowned for uncovering answers to the deep and quirky questions of human nature that few scientists have dared to address. His bold insights about the brain are matched only by the stunning simplicity of his experiments -- using such low-tech tools as cotton swabs, glasses of water and dime-store mirrors. In Phantoms in the Brain, Dr. Ramachandran recounts how his work with patients who have bizarre neurological disorders has shed new light on the deep architecture of the brain, and what these findings tell us about who we are, how we construct our body image, why we laugh or become depressed, why we may believe in God, how we make decisions, deceive ourselves and dream, perhaps even why we're so clever at philosophy, music and art. Some of his most notable cases: A woman paralyzed on the left side of her body who believes she is lifting a tray of drinks with both hands offers a unique opportunity to test Freud's theory of denial. A man who insists he is talking with God challenges us to ask: Could we be "wired" for religious experience? A woman who hallucinates cartoon characters illustrates how, in a sense, we are all hallucinating, all the time. Dr. Ramachandran's inspired medical detective work pushes the boundaries of medicine's last great frontier -- the human mind -- yielding new and provocative insights into the "big questions" about consciousness and the self.

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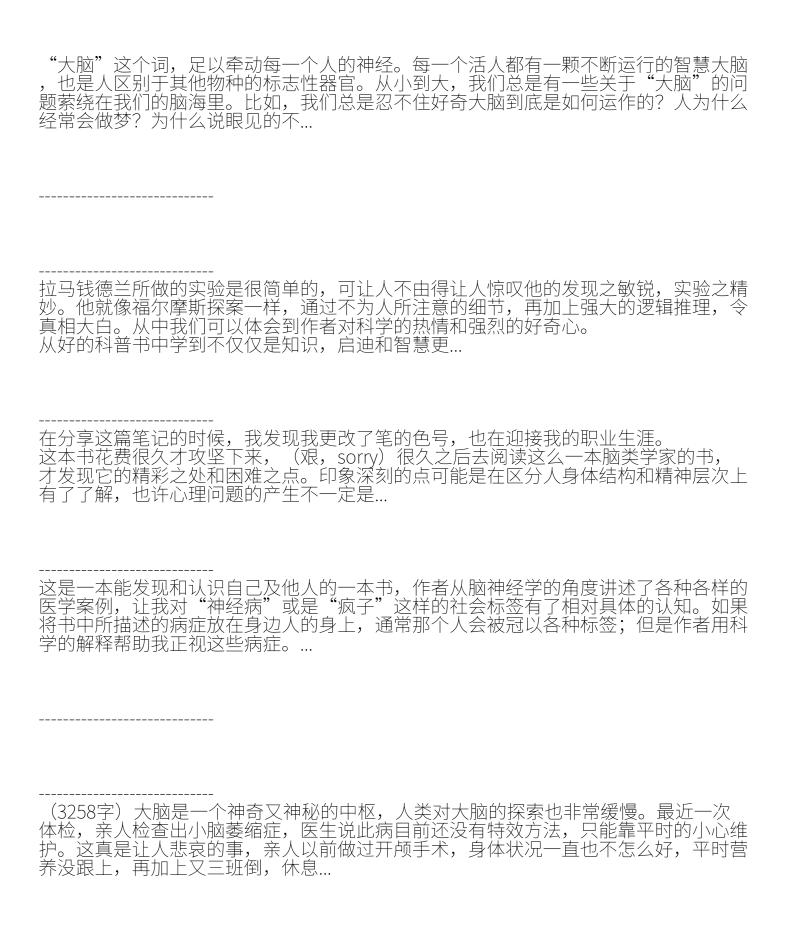
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这大概是我读的最久的一本了,断断续续读了大半年。期间Ramachandran另一本《Th e Tell-Tale Brain》都读完了。。不过,Ramachandran的这本书确实是他最经典的一本,难怪Rich ard Dawkins称Rama为"神经科学界的马可波罗"

有效信息密度太低,浪费时间
the most interesting scientific book I have even read!
Interesting Read, see myself through the lens of neuroscience is eye-opening. Ramachandran proposed many creative, ingenious, SPECULATIVE ideas on "us".
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。" 通过探索反常的案例来拓展补完我们对一个领域的理解,敢于推翻墨守成规的理论/观念,大胆假设,拥抱paradigm shift,光凭这点就可以膜拜一下作者了,当之无愧的"神经科学界的马可波罗"。顺说他是印度人:)【补充:最后一章有他对Qualia问题的理解,需要反复看。】

信息量太大读着读着就会忘掉前面讲了什么…:(特别喜欢作者最后一章的总结性的文字…之前把大脑想象得太简单了,以为视觉认知是一个通道走到底呀…读完才知道我们习以为常的"看得见"是多么奇妙而幸运的一事。可能我们并不比那些"insane"的病人们优越多少,只不过他们的病症是我们正人机制的放大…如果我是那些病人我也会很喜欢像作者一样的医生吧,别把所有看似sane看似ridiculous的事当作例外就一笑了之了,缺乏的是真正地去探索/实验/理解。读万卷书行万里路
 final的时候还把书弄丢了
 竟然被我读完了,莫名感动
读过台译版,打算重新看下原文

书评

思维的各种盲点。



《脑中魅影》这本书的书名听起来感觉像是一本浪漫的文学作品,其实这是一本科普读物。它的作者是拉马钱德兰博士,作者在美国加利福尼亚大学圣迭戈分校脑和认知研究中心教授兼主任,同时也是拉霍亚索尔克生物学研究所副教授。本书的另一位作者布莱克斯利是《纽约时报》的获奖科...

我一向都对心理学非常感兴趣,看过许多涉及到心理学的电影,书籍,也略读过几本心 理学方面的著作,比如弗洛伊德的《梦的解析》之类的,但最终还是对这些鸿篇巨制望
而兴叹,止步于此了。
再次对它燃起兴趣是因为《天才在左疯子在右》一书,我对里面提及到的精神病人颇愿
兴趣,这

《看完我们为什么会生病》之后,心中开始对于第一推动系列从书疯狂的长草。不过好几十本的数量,加上所需花费的人民币金额即便是在"618"期间,也不敢随随便便的一口气下单全部搬回家。日子得精打细算的过,书得一本本慢慢的看。既然看这一系列 的书是从生命科学开始的,那么就...

坦率的讲,这是一部在我看来多少有些晦涩难懂的书,曾经多次拿起又多次放下,促使我读下去的,其实是书中所提到的那一个个真实存在的案例。

《脑中魅影》是湖南科学技术出版社出版的第一推动丛书中的其中一本,其作者拉马钱 德兰博士曾被誉为i世界上最有影响力的人物之一,其在...

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