

MINDBLINDNESS

AN ESSAY ON AUTISM AND THEORY OF MIND



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In Mindblindness, Simon Baron-Cohen presents a model of the evolution and development of "mindreading. He argues that specific neurocognitive mechanisms have developed that allow us to mindread, to create sense of actions, to interpret gazes as meaningful, and to decode "the language of the eyes. We ascribe mental claims to people: claims such as for example thoughts, desires, knowledge, and intentions. It's the natural way in which we interpret, predict, and participate in interpersonal behavior and conversation. Baron-Cohen develops a theory that draws on data from comparative psychology, from developmental, and from neuropsychology. For these children, the world is essentially devoid of mental issues. Building on many years of analysis, Baron-Cohen concludes that kids with autism, suffer from "mindblindness" due to a selective impairment in mindreading." He argues that people mindread at all times, effortlessly, automatically, and mostly unconsciously." A Bradford Book



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Insightful I work with kids with Autism and was recommended this publication by a professor. In simpler times these people had no issue getting and keeping careers. However, the book itself is very insightful. The writer does a fantastic job describing how children with Autism think.. Five Stars Great for any Parent with an Autistic Child Five Stars Extremely insightful book. Anyone coping with autism should read this publication! Five Stars great info. Good book... If you are thinking about more psychological/scientific approach to understanding their difficulty in understanding public cues this is a great read. Good book. Recommended for anybody who's autistic or professionals who use autistic people. Fascinating reports of analysis exploring Theory of Brain in children diagnoses with autism. Cannot get enough Autism books. A Classic! Bahron-Cohen shines Innovative Thinker. Basic read. Recommended for anyone who's autistic or specialists .. Very academic, but at your fingertips for the layperson A *lot* to take into account in this book. This book is a must-read for all those performing serious research of autism spectrum disorders. It wasn't what I expected. This wasn't quite the book I expected (when I observe "essay" I believe "introspective rambblings" not "intensely footnoted scientific paper you need to read altogether silence in order to comprehend") but it was really good and challenging in many ways. Just talk. It creates life exhausting. They will always be with us. I didn't believe it was helpful or applicable to me as a SLP. It is a way to obtain great frustration for the people with Autism. It talks a whole lot about evolution and adaptation which I am not thinking about. Too much talk about evolution and the idea behind and not very much about how to help people develop more skills. Most are under employed or never.. Baron-Cohen handles the development of individual beings' perception of self in relation to other selves and analyzes what's different in individuals with autism. Theory of Brain and Executive Function virtually explains why Autistics cannot consider information in one activity and apply it to another. I got in regards to a page in to the introduction and then skipped the rest as the introduction (written by another person) rapidly got incomprehensible, however the essay itself is definitely eminently readable by non-academics. Save your money. There is a lot of information about Autism out there at this time. There is no diversity these days. No more.



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