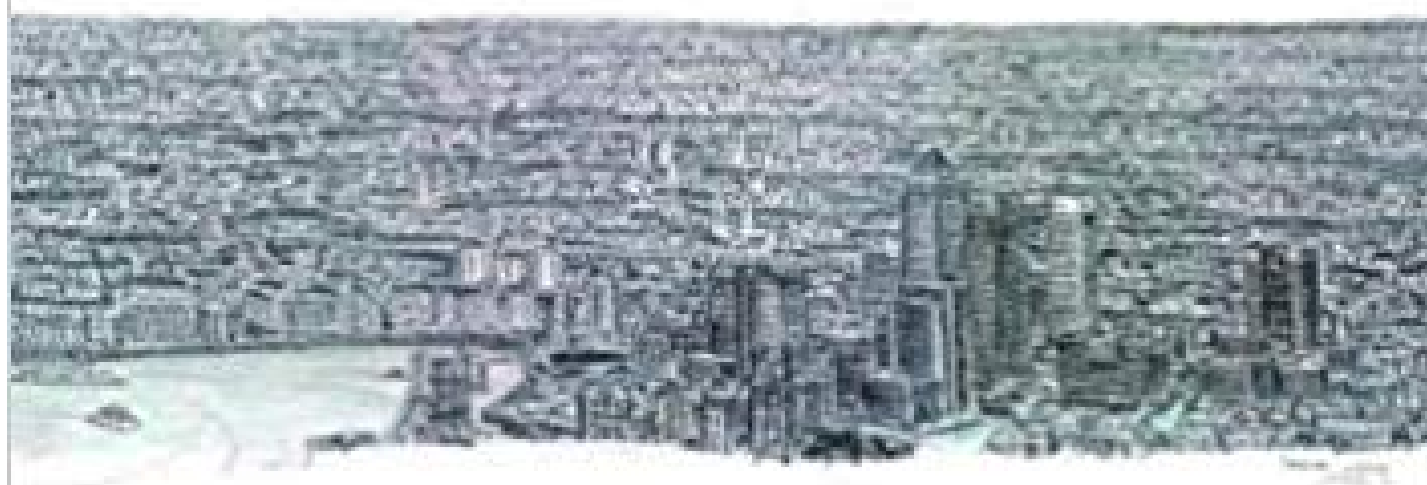


Islands of GENIUS



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

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Showing these phenomena stage convincingly towards a reservoir of untapped potential - an inner savant capacity - within people, he looks both at how savant skills could be nurtured, and how they can help the individual who offers them, In this exciting publication, Dr. Treffert explores the phenomena of genetic storage - instances in which individuals somehow "know" points they hardly ever learned - and sudden genius or "obtained savantism" - where a neuro-regular person unexpectedly and spectacularly evolves savant-like abilities following a head injury or stroke. Dr. Darold Treffert looks at what we know about this impressive condition, and at brand-new discoveries that increase interesting questions about the hidden mind potential within people. Savant syndrome is definitely a rare condition where people with developmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorders, have a number of areas of expertise, ability, or brilliance - "islands of genius" - which exist in contrast with their overall limitations.



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Authoritative Fascinating book which could just be writing by one man on the planet. Within the next three sections, Treffert focuses on the analysis and the clinical effect of the analysis of savants. A very important factor the reader should bear in mind is usually that over a lifetime of studying these individuals he has obviously developed an psychological attachment to them. The delivery of information regarding the type of savantism and the mechanisms behind autism is very thorough and contextual. Fascinating examine to feed any curiosity In Islands of Genius, psychiatrist Dr. Darold Treffert shares numerous lessons and anecdotes from his nearly 50 years of encounter with savants. His perspective is among clinical precision, but can be one of genuine compassion. It really is, of course, largely a book of case research of autistic savants, therefore know what you are getting. Tammet, a savant who made international information after memorizing pi to 22,514 digits, draws the reader into the globe of savant as he describes not merely what makes savants exclusive, but also the distinctive human qualities that make savants as passionate and devoted as any additional individuals. The way Treffert used the 1st two sections to provide anecdotal descriptions for every of his subjects individually managed to get easy to go back and make reference to these qualities later on in the novel. Additional accounts of savantism whether in the news, in textbooks, in memoirs or on film, seem to frame savantism simply as a talent-show-like capability good for a quick awe. Redefining in this manner in which people tend to view savants is Treffert's extremely objective in Islands of Genius. And he writes with passion and acumen. Though he is very detailed in his descriptions, Treffert could be repetitive as he restates fundamental qualities of savants quite frequently. Occasionally, this breaks up the flow of the task as he attempts to mimic the blast of consciousness of the individuals he is describing. Tammet's composing is very detailed and thought-provoking, as is anticipated from a man of such analytical nature. This content of Treffert's book is informative while Islands of Genius still steers a long way away from being a textbook." I found this different strategy admirable and well-executed. Five Stars Best book in servant ever written. In the first section, "The Mind of the Savant," Treffert targets various aspects of the mind of a savant which make it unique. Overall, Islands of Genius presents a remarkably novel perspective about the analysis of the savant and extends this perspective to the reader, inviting him to delve much deeper into study of your brain itself and its true potential. Having clarified history information and released context for the characteristics of savants, "Part 2 The Globe of the Savant," places nuances of the savant brain in the context of everyday activity and everyday struggles. The way Treffert describes the way savants fall in love with their quirks and their obsessions is definitely eye-opening and unexpected as many had never truly considered. While some of the writer's ideas are mainly untested theories, to his credit he readily admits to the fact. He focuses first on novel types of savantism, then elaborates upon ways in which researchers and readers alike can learn from the savants for further learning and study. Overall, the structure of the publication was extremely effective. It had been very clearly laid out and was easy to leap around. Treffert maintains this immersive focus on the savant as a whole person through his composing in a way that makes this publication not the same as any other function about the topic. Good Great, but not as effective as his publication "Extraordinary People. Though Treffert is normally frequently quite repetitive along with his inclusion of the basics, his side-by-aspect delivery of facts with context is quite effective. This informal, everyday style makes it easy to feeling the compassion in his writing as he watch his subjects as a lot more than just items for research. Nevertheless, as a person who is very thinking about the mechanisms behind many of the phenomena he describes (the boring mumbo jumbo), I would have liked to read a little more technical description. Nevertheless, his compassionate character shines through as he emphasizes the way savants are not just items with "supercomputer-like mental digesting" capabilities, but also the results of "distinctly human qualities: passion, dedication, enthusiasm, like. I say this not as a positive or negative statement, rather as a fact that the reader should bear in mind while processing the concepts and tales that the author presents. But in the event that's what you are considering, it's an unbelievable book. Treffert's design is quite familiar and casual,

considering his clinical history and the technical basis for a lot of what he describes. Within the first four parts of the publication, Treffert presents information regarding the nature of the savant in immediate juxtaposition with the influence such qualities may have not only on the lives of individuals closest to the effected specific, but also on the reader. He proposes that, by studying and admiring the mind of these people, any reader can mimic such techniques, albeit on a much lighter level, to unlock their very own mind's potential. Not merely will this proposition add excess weight and importance to the information he chooses relating to Islands of Genius, but it additionally motivates the reader to delve deeper into the studying of your brain and its nuances in savants. Furthermore, Treffert masterfully places Part 5 immediately after some of his most gripping inclusion of global context. This section describes the magnitude of conclusions drawn from autism studies and the analysis of the mind of the savant on the global stage. Not only can this research revolutionize what sort of world views and interacts using its savants, but it can also change just how we believe about our own mind and its boundless potential. This answers many questions the reader has in regards to general qualities demonstrated by these individuals. I would recommend this book to any ponderer, researcher, or curious mind interested in what sort of mind works and the way we can explore our very own capabilities. Informative however familiar, Treffert's presentation design makes the book ideal for psychology professionals, college students and casual curiosities alike. Though his demonstration is often repetitive, you can not match Treffer's level of details and the depth of his presentation of savants of most types as complex, multifaceted individuals with a lot to teach the world. Interesting Reading A good book, but a bit clinical in nature. While this book give some very nice insights in to the life and encounters of many Savants, it sometimes feels more like a series of case studies when compared to a deeper knowledge of the possible origins and character of Savant behavior. Treffert. Interesting and thought provoking For somebody like myself who knows very little about savant syndrome, autism, and the theories surrounding such topics I came across this book was a fantastic primer about them. Nobody has compiled situations of obtained savant syndrome like Dr. Perhaps the most interesting part time me is the authors suggestion that people all have the potential for extraordinary mental duties, the trick is how to access these abilities. Not only does he effectively redefine the conversation to encompass all qualities of the beautiful minds of savants, but he does so with great attention to detail and effective compassion. His book, coupled with a remarkable foreword by Daniel Tammet, gives the reader an unparalleled view into the complex thoughts of savants. Often, probably the most unpleasant parts about textbooks is the lack of contextual information used to body the piece and its own relevance to the reader. great information I have always been fascinated by the savant syndrome which book has wonderful info concerning it. It also has some info on hyperlexia which is of interest if you ask me since my great nephew is normally hyperlexic. By presenting illustrations first followed by emotional mechanisms and more medical information later, it had been much easier for the reader to use their very own connections to the concepts Treffert mentions." I'd have liked more tales of savants and what they do and how they progress through life. The body of the novel can be broken into sections investigating different aspects of the analysis of savants. Ron Sandison Four Stars good it really teaches you that there are good people on the planet Incredible book, it really shows you there are good people on earth.



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