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150 FUN AND CHALLENGING BRAIN TEASERS

You are Not So Smart Why You Have Too Many Friends on Facebook, why Your Memory is Mostly Fiction, and 46 Other Ways You're Deluding Yourself
 An entertaining illumination of the stupid beliefs that make us feel wise. You believe you are a rational, logical being who sees the world as it really is, but journalist David McRaney is here to tell

you that you're as deluded as the rest of us. But that's OK- delusions keep us sane. You Are Not So Smart is a celebration of self-delusion. It's like a psychology class, with all the boring parts taken out, and with no homework. Based on the popular blog of the same name, You Are Not So Smart collects more than 46 of the lies we tell ourselves everyday, including: Dunbar's Number - Humans evolved to live in bands of roughly 150 individuals, the brain cannot handle more than that number. If you have more than 150 Facebook friends, they are surely not all real friends. Hindsight bias - When we learn something new, we reassure ourselves that we knew it all along. Confirmation bias - Our brains resist new ideas, instead paying attention only to findings that reinforce our preconceived notions. Brand loyalty - We reach for the same brand not because we trust its quality but because we want to reassure ourselves that we made a smart choice the last time we bought it. Packed with

interesting sidebars and quick guides on cognition and common fallacies, *You Are Not So Smart* is a fascinating synthesis of cutting-edge psychology research to turn our minds inside out.

Believing You Are Right Even When You're Not Mariner Books

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So You Think You're Smart Penguin

"An intriguing odyssey" though the history of the self and the rise of narcissism (The New York Times). Self-absorption, perfectionism, personal branding—it wasn't always like this, but it's always been a part of us. Why is the urge to look at ourselves so powerful? Is there any way to break its spell—especially since it doesn't necessarily make us better or happier people? Full of unexpected connections among history, psychology, economics, neuroscience, and more, *Selfie* is a "terrific" book that makes sense of who we have become (NPR's On Point). Award-winning journalist Will Storr takes us from ancient Greece, through the Christian Middle Ages, to the self-esteem evangelists of 1980s California, the rise of the "selfie generation," and the era of hyper-individualism in which we live now, telling the epic tale of the person we all know so intimately—because it's us. "It's easy to look at Instagram and selfie-sticks and shake our heads at millennial narcissism. But Will Storr takes a longer view. He ignores the easy targets and instead tells the amazing 2,500-year story of how we've come to think about our selves. A top-notch journalist, historian, essayist, and sleuth, Storr has written an essential book for understanding, and coping with, the 21st century." —Nathan Hill, New York Times bestselling author of *The Nix* "This fascinating psychological and social history . . . reveals how biology and culture conspire to keep us striving for perfection, and the devastating toll that can take."—The Washington Post "Aby synthesizes centuries of attitudes and beliefs about selfhood, from Aristotle, John Calvin, and Freud to Sartre, Ayn Rand, and Steve Jobs." —USA Today "Eminently suitable for readers of both Yuval Noah Harari and Daniel Kahneman, *Selfie* also has shades of Jon Ronson in its subversive humor and investigative spirit." —Bookseller "Storr is an electrifying analyst of Internet culture." —Financial Times "Continually delivers rich insights . . . captivating." —Kirkus Reviews

IF I'M SO SMART, WHY CAN'T I GET RID OF THIS CLUTTER?

Penguin

Explains how self-delusion is part of a person's psychological defense system, identifying common misconceptions people have on topics such as caffeine withdrawal, hindsight, and brand loyalty.

On Being Certain Cambridge University Press

Celebratory, joyous and moving, this is a book about the profoundly healing, curative qualities of dogs - and how we need dogs in our lives more than ever. *Good Dog* is about the power of canine friendship - in particular the profoundly healing role that dogs can play in our lives - a celebration of the extraordinary creatures who change - and sometimes even save - our lives. Covering the science and history of our extraordinary relationship with dogs, and focusing on the role that dogs can play in enriching and improving our mental and emotional health and our lives, *Good Dog* is a celebration of the most remarkable cross-species friendship on the planet. *Good Dog* focuses on ten powerful, personal stories of dogs and their owners, from Missy the pug, who has allowed 10-year-old autistic

Cody to live his best life to Darcy, who spends precious time in a children's hospice; from Pip, who helps her teenage owner manage her diabetes, to Jingles, who works in therapy and rehab at a prison.

WHY ARE YOU SO SMART

Becoming Journey LLC

In this lively journey through human psychology, bestselling author and creator of the *You Are Not So Smart* podcast David McRaney investigates how minds change—and how to change minds. What made a prominent conspiracy-theorist YouTuber finally see that 9/11 was not a hoax? How do voter opinions shift from neutral to resolute? Can widespread social change only take place when a generation dies out? From one of our greatest thinkers on reasoning, *HOW MINDS CHANGE* is a book about the science, and the experience, of transformation. When self-delusion expert and psychology nerd David McRaney began a book about how to change someone's mind in one conversation, he never expected to change his own. But then a diehard 9/11 Truther's conversion blew up his theories—inspiring him to ask not just how to persuade, but why we believe, from the eye of the beholder. Delving into the latest research of psychologists and neuroscientists, *HOW MINDS CHANGE* explores the limits of reasoning, the power of groupthink, and the effects of deep canvassing. Told with McRaney's trademark sense of humor, compassion, and scientific curiosity, it's an eye-opening journey among cult members, conspiracy theorists, and political activists, from Westboro Baptist Church picketers to LGBTQ campaigners in California—that ultimately challenges us to question our own motives and beliefs. In an age of dangerous conspiratorial thinking, can we rise to the occasion with empathy? An expansive, big-hearted journalistic narrative, *HOW MINDS CHANGE* reaches surprising and thought-provoking conclusions, to demonstrate the rare but transformative circumstances under which minds can change.

A Guide to Investing Fundamentals Penguin

Renowned social psychologists Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson take a compelling look into how the brain is wired for self-justification. When we make mistakes, we must calm the cognitive dissonance that jars our feelings of self-worth. And so we create fictions that absolve us of responsibility, restoring our belief that we are smart, moral, and right—a belief that often keeps us on a course that is dumb, immoral, and wrong.

Tools to Get It Done Farrar, Straus and Giroux

"Find, challenge, and change the emotional issues that keep you from achieving your ideal weight. Learn why you shouldn't exercise for results and how to pinpoint what's keeping you from losing weight."--Back cover.

Smart Mice, Not-So-Smart People Book Surge

An entertaining illumination of the stupid beliefs that make us feel wise, based on the popular blog of the same name. Whether you're deciding which smartphone to purchase or which politician to believe, you think you are a rational being whose every decision is based on cool, detached logic. But here's the truth: You are not so smart. You're just as deluded as the rest of us—but that's okay, because being deluded is part of being human. Growing out of David McRaney's popular blog, *You Are Not So Smart* reveals that every decision we make, every thought we contemplate, and every

emotion we feel comes with a story we tell ourselves to explain them. But often these stories aren't true. Each short chapter—covering topics such as Learned Helplessness, Selling Out, and the Illusion of Transparency—is like a psychology course with all the boring parts taken out. Bringing together popular science and psychology with humor and wit, *You Are Not So Smart* is a celebration of our irrational, thoroughly human behavior.

How We Became So Self-Obsessed and What It's Doing to Us Penguin

When seventeen-year-old Star Fuentez reaches social media stardom, her polar-opposite twin, Moon, becomes "merch girl" on a tour bus full of beautiful influencers and the grumpy but attractive Santiago Philips.

If You're So Smart, Why Aren't You Happy? Oneworld Publications

Academic life in Cambridge especially in Trinity College is viewed through the eyes of one of its greatest figures. Most of Prof. Littlewood's earlier work is presented along with a wealth of new material.

Think Again Simon and Schuster

Interweaves personal memoir and investigative journalism with the latest neuroscience and experimental psychology research to reveal how the stories individuals tell themselves about the world shape their beliefs, leading to self-deception, toxic partisanship, and science denial.

How the 1980s Explains the World We Live in Now--Our Culture, Our Politics, Our Everything John Wiley & Sons

The idea that the language we speak influences the way we think has evoked perennial fascination and intense controversy. According to the strong version of this hypothesis, called the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis after the American linguists who propounded it, languages vary in their semantic partitioning of the world, and the structure of one's language influences how one understands the world. Thus speakers of different languages perceive the world differently. Although the last two decades have been marked by extreme skepticism concerning the possible effects of language on thought, recent theoretical and methodological advances in cognitive science have given the question new life. Research in linguistics and linguistic anthropology has revealed striking differences in cross-linguistic semantic patterns, and cognitive psychology has developed subtle techniques for studying how people represent and remember experience. It is now possible to test predictions about how a given language influences the thinking of its speakers. *Language in Mind* includes contributions from both skeptics and believers and from a range of fields. It contains work in cognitive psychology, cognitive development, linguistics, anthropology, and animal cognition. The topics discussed include space, number, motion, gender, theory of mind, thematic roles, and the ontological distinction between objects and substances. Contributors Melissa Bowerman, Eve Clark, Jill de Villiers, Peter de Villiers, Giyoo Hatano, Stan Kuczaj, Barbara Landau, Stephen Levinson, John Lucy, Barbara Malt, Dan Slobin, Steven Sloman, Elizabeth Spelke, and Michael Tomasello

My Mother Is So Smart Penguin

This upbeat addition to the *Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series offers an encouraging insight into the struggles and triumphs of someone with dyslexia. When looking for books about dyslexia for kids, *If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi* is a great way to start conversations about dyslexia both at home and in the classroom. Katie always thought her dad was smart—he is

one of the busiest attorneys in town! People are always asking him for advice. She has been a bit confused ever since asking him for help with her weekly spelling list. How can her very smart dad struggle with one of her spelling words? This definitely didn't make sense. The word Mississippi has changed everything... This growth mindset picture book employs a frank and thoughtful approach to dyslexia so that readers can explore the various ways people learn and recognize that some difficulties do not have to be restrictions on what a person can achieve. The *Adventures of Everyday Geniuses Series: Free Association Where My Mind Goes During Science Class Stacey Coolidge Fancy-Smancy Cursive Handwriting Mrs. Gorski I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi Last to Finish, A Story About the Smartest Boy in Math Class Keep Your Eye on the Prize The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series is meant to demonstrate various forms of learning, creativity, and intelligence. Each book introduces a realistic example of triumph over difficulty in a positive, humorous way that readers of all ages will enjoy! "Challenges in reading and spelling are often accompanied by special abilities in areas like complex pattern recognition and spatial reasoning. *If You're So Smart How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?* is a fantastic way of bringing this information to the many smart children who find reading and spelling especially difficult—especially to those who are beginning to doubt their own potential." —Drs. Brock (M.D., M.A.) and Fernette (M.D.) Eides, authors of *The Mislabeled Child* and founders of the Eide Neurolearning Clinic. Praise for the series: "This is a wonderful book series. Each story shows children that success is about effort and determination, that problems need not derail them, and that adults can understand their worries and struggles. My research demonstrates that these lessons are essential for children." —Dr. Carol S. Dweck

MISTAKES WERE MADE (BUT NOT BY ME) THIRD EDITION

Rowman & Littlefield

Why Are You So Smart is an encouraging children's book that uses a special form of affirmations to help empower your child to unlock their hidden potential. This book will inspire your child to celebrate their own accomplishments, to work hard, and to realize their personal value. When reading this book your child will become confident in their ability to learn new things and overcome challenges which will lead to them having a positive outlook on life.

The Unpersuadables Avery

Based on surveys with more than 5,000 gifted young adults, *If I'm So Smart, Why Aren't the Answers Easy?* sheds light on the day-to-day experiences of those growing up gifted. In their own enlightening words, teens share their experiences with giftedness, including friendships and fitting in with peers, school struggles and successes, and worries about the future. By allowing teens to share their real-life stories, the book gives readers a self-study guide to the successes and pitfalls of being gifted in a world not always open to their unique and diverse needs. Teens will be able to reflect on their own experiences through the engaging journal prompts included in the book, and their parents and teachers will enjoy hearing directly from other students about the topics gifted teens face daily. Grades 6-10

You Can Beat Your Brain New York : Vintage Books

The *Breakfast Club* meets *The Silver Linings Playbook* in this powerful, provocative, and heartfelt

novel about twelve strangers who come together to make the most of their final days, from New York Times bestselling and award-winning author J. Michael Straczynski. Mark Antonelli, a failed young writer looking down the barrel at thirty, is planning a cross-country road trip. He buys a beat-up old tour bus. He hires a young army vet to drive it. He puts out an ad for others to join him along the way. But this will be a road trip like no other: His passengers are all fellow disheartened souls who have decided that this will be their final journey—upon arrival in San Francisco, they will find a cliff with an amazing view of the ocean at sunset, hit the gas, and drive out of this world. The unlikely companions include a young woman with a chronic pain sensory disorder and another who was relentlessly bullied at school for her size; a bipolar, party-loving neo-hippie; a gentle coder with a literal hole in his heart and blue skin; and a poet dreaming of a better world beyond this one. We get to know them through access to their texts, emails, voicemails, and the daily journal entries they write as the price of admission for this trip. By turns tragic, funny, quirky, charming, and deeply moving, *Together We Will Go* explores the decisions that brings these characters together, and the relationships that grow between them, with some discovering love and affection for the first time. But as they cross state lines and complications to the initial plan arise, it becomes clear that this is a novel as much about the will to live as it is the choice to end it. The final, unforgettable moments as they hurtle toward the outcomes awaiting them will be remembered for a lifetime.

A Guide for the Bright, the Sensitive, and the Creative Sourcebooks, Inc.

Make the most of your creative and intellectual gifts by overcoming the unique challenges they bring with this guide by the author of *Natural Psychology*. Many smart and creative people experience unique challenges as a result of their valuable gifts. These can range from anxiety and

over-thinking to mania, depression, and despair. In *Why Smart People Hurt*, creativity coach Dr. Eric Maisel pinpoints these often-devastating challenges and offers solutions based on the groundbreaking principles and practices of natural psychology. Are you still searching for meaning after all these years? Many smart people struggle with reaching for or maintaining success because, after all of the work they put into attaining it, it still seems meaningless. In *Why Smart people Hurt*, Dr. Maisel will teach you how to stop searching for meaning and create it for yourself. In *Why Smart People Hurt*, you will find:

- Evidence that you are not alone in your struggles
- Strategies for coping with a brain that goes into overdrive at the drop of a hat
- Questions that will help you create your own personal roadmap to a calm and meaningful life

The Power of Surprise Macmillan

This fascinating book demonstrates that to be a good communicator and therefore an effective manager, a person must have five qualities in order to be viewed as totally credible—competence, character, composure, sociability, and extroversion. While some executives seem to possess all these qualities and be born with savvy communication skills, Weiner shows how anyone can find ways to make measurable improvements in how they present themselves that will enhance their credibility.

MATH WITHOUT NUMBERS

John Wiley & Sons

Argues that certainty and similar feelings are independent of active, conscious reflection and reasoning, stemming from the primitive areas of the brain.

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