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*The Women's Brain Book*  
Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

It is well known that George Eliot's intelligence and her wide knowledge of literature, history, philosophy and religion shaped her fiction, but until now no study has

followed the development of her thinking through her whole career. This intellectual biography traces the course of that development from her initial Christian culture, through her loss of faith and working out of a humanistic and cautiously progressive world view, to the thought-provoking achievements of her novels. It focuses on her

responses to her reading in her essays, reviews and letters as well as in the historical pictures of Romola, the political implications of Felix Holt, the comprehensive view of English society in Middlemarch, and the visionary account of personal inspiration in Daniel Deronda. This portrait of a major Victorian intellectual is an

important addition to our understanding of Eliot's mind and works, as well as of her place in nineteenth-century British culture.

Exploring the Nature of Creativity Crown

The legendary comedian, actor, and writer of Monty Python, Fawlty Towers, and A Fish Called Wanda fame shares his key ideas about creativity: that it's a learnable, improvable skill. "Many people have written about creativity, but although they were very, very clever, they weren't actually creative. I

like to think I'm writing about it from the inside."—John Cleese You might think that creativity is some mysterious, rare gift—one that only a few possess. But you'd be wrong. As John Cleese shows in this short, practical, and often amusing guide, creativity is a skill that anyone can acquire. Drawing on his lifelong experience as a writer, Cleese shares his insights into the nature of creativity and offers advice on how to get your own inventive juices flowing. What do you

need to do to get yourself in the right frame of mind? When do you know that you've come up with an idea that might be worth pursuing? What should you do if you think you've hit a brick wall? We can all be more creative. John Cleese shows us how.

*Code as Creative Medium*  
Kogan Page

This is the ultimate guide to getting your brain in tip-top shape and keeping it healthy via the foods you eat. With a worldwide ageing population, and cases of dementia as well

as severe depression and anxiety alarmingly on the rise, the need to look after your brain optimally has never been more important. It has now been proven beyond a doubt that it is possible to improve focus and memory, reduce stress and anxiety, and think more clearly simply by enjoying a diet rich in the right nutrients. In Part 1 of *Feed Your Brain*, Delia takes you through her 7-step program, simply and clearly explaining the science behind how the brain works, and showing

how vitamins, minerals, fats, oils, carbohydrates and proteins affect brain function. Part 2 of the book features delicious, quick and easy recipes that can form the basis of your new diet while also providing you with inspiration to come up with your own ideas in the kitchen.

*The Happiness Advantage*  
Academic Press  
IDEO founder and Stanford d.school creator David Kelley and his brother Tom Kelley, IDEO partner and the author of the bestselling *The Art of*

*Innovation*, have written a powerful and compelling book on unleashing the creativity that lies within each and every one of us. Too often, companies and individuals assume that creativity and innovation are the domain of the "creative types." But two of the leading experts in innovation, design, and creativity on the planet show us that each and every one of us is creative. In an incredibly entertaining and inspiring narrative that draws on countless stories from their work at IDEO, the

Stanford d.school, and with many of the world's top companies, David and Tom Kelley identify the principles and strategies that will allow us to tap into our creative potential in our work lives, and in our personal lives, and allow us to innovate in terms of how we approach and solve problems. It is a book that will help each of us be more productive and successful in our lives and in our careers.

Creativity Scribe Publications

"Advice, exercises, and real-world examples for

small-business owners and self-employed artists for establishing solid business practices, growing and expanding, and troubleshooting problems. Addresses finding, marketing to, and keeping customers; working with staff and vendors; strategic planning, goal setting, and brand building; and taking time to celebrate"-- Provided by publisher.

*Creativity at Work*  
Cambridge University Press

Whether you're writing a novel, painting with

watercolors, composing a symphony, or baking peanut butter cookies, creativity plays a crucial role in achieving satisfaction and excellence. But, for many of us, accessing our creative core is difficult, if not impossible. Now, acclaimed film producer Don Hahn offers his own unorthodox, yet highly effective methods for reawakening the creative spirit.

**Brain Storm** Disney Electronic Content  
Research-based techniques that show

everyone how to expand creativity and increase productivity Harvard psychologist Shelley Carson's provocative book, published in partnership with Harvard Health Publications, reveals why creativity isn't something only scientists, investors, artists, writers, and musicians enjoy; in fact, all of us use our creative brains every day at home, work and play. Each of us has the ability to increase our mental functioning and creativity by learning to move flexibly among

several brain states. Explains seven brain states or "brainsets" and their functions as related to creativity, productivity, and innovation Provides quizzes, exercises, and self-tests to activate each of these seven brainsets to unlock our maximum creativity Your Creative Brain, called by critics a "new classic" in the field of creativity, offers inspiring suggestions that can be applied in both one's personal and professional life.

**The Neuroscience of Creativity** Elsevier

Following on the heels of Lisa Cron's breakout first book, *Wired for Story*, this writing guide reveals how to use cognitive storytelling strategies to build a scene-by-scene blueprint for a riveting story. It's every novelist's greatest fear: pouring their blood, sweat, and tears into writing hundreds of pages only to realize that their story has no sense of urgency, no internal logic, and so is a page one rewrite. The prevailing wisdom in the writing community is that there are just two ways

around this problem: pantsing (winging it) and plotting (focusing on the external plot). Story coach Lisa Cron has spent her career discovering why these methods don't work and coming up with a powerful alternative, based on the science behind what our brains are wired to crave in every story we read (and it's not what you think). In *Story Genius* Cron takes you, step-by-step, through the creation of a novel from the first glimmer of an idea, to a complete multilayered

blueprint—including fully realized scenes—that evolves into a first draft with the authority, richness, and command of a riveting sixth or seventh draft.

*How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci*  
Harmony

People who know how to harness their own creative juices can tap into their creativity and believe in the vast powers of their own ideas will become successful in virtually everything they do. Just as we learn other skills -- to read, to write, and to

do math -- it is necessary to train ourselves to properly harness the power of our brains in order to think originally, brainstorm, and utilize that huge creative power. No matter what you do for a living or where your personal interests lie, you can become more successful and achieve greater heights if you're willing to "pop the top on your brain" and learn how to think more creatively as you confront life's trials and tribulations. Once you begin to discover how to generate incredible ideas,



your true success will come from learning how to transform those ideas into reality. Brain Storm is your personal roadmap to a better understanding of creative thinking and the brainstorming process. With this book, as an individual or in a group setting, you can begin generating ideas with the power to change the world around you. Jason R. Rich will teach you the basics of how to produce many ideas, evaluate each of them, and pick the best one. You will learn directly from

fascinating people who have already achieved incredible success as a direct result of their ability to think creatively. Within a short period of time, you too will be generating new ideas, building upon other people's ideas, using your brain to find creative solutions to problems and challenges, and coming up with ideas that will improve your personal, professional, and financial life. Book jacket.

### **Your Creative Brain**

Penguin

A groundbreaking book on the science of play, and

its essential role in fuelling our intelligence and happiness throughout our lives. We've all seen the happiness in the face of a child who's playing in the school yard. Or the blissful abandon of a golden retriever racing with glee across a lawn. This is the joy of play. By definition, play is purposeless and all-consuming. And, most important, it's fun. As we become adults, taking time to play feels like a guilty pleasure — a distraction from 'real' work and life. But as Dr

Stuart Brown illustrates, play is anything but trivial. It is a biological drive as integral to our health as sleep or nutrition, and the mechanism by which we become resilient, smart, and adaptable people. In fact, our ability to play throughout life is the single most important factor in determining our success and happiness. Dr Brown has spent his career studying animal behaviour and conducting more than 6000 'play histories' of humans from all walks of life — from

serial murderers to Nobel Prize winners. In *Play*, he provides a sweeping look at the latest breakthroughs in our understanding of play and its implications for our lives, including its role in child development and the way we parent; education and social policy; business innovation; productivity; and even the future of our society. A fascinating blend of cutting-edge neuroscience, biology, psychology, social science, and inspiring human stories of the

transformative power of play, this book proves why play just might be the most important work we can ever do.

*Awaken Your Genius*

Houghton Mifflin

With in-depth questionnaires, tools and techniques and a groundbreaking 1000 person study, *Creativity at Work* reveals how to enhance your own unique creative style and deliver your ideas with confidence.

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BESTSELLER • An engaging, deeply researched guide to flourishing in a world of increasing stress and negativity—the inspiration for one of the most popular TED Talks of all time “Powerful [and] charming . . . A book for just about anyone . . . The philosophies in this book are easily the best wire frames to build a happy and successful life.”—Medium Happiness is not the belief that we don't need to change; it is

the realization that we can. Our most commonly held formula for success is broken. Conventional wisdom holds that once we succeed, we'll be happy; that once we get that great job, win that next promotion, lose those five pounds, happiness will follow. But the science reveals this formula to be backward: Happiness fuels success, not the other way around. Research shows that happy employees are more productive, more creative, and better problem solvers than their

unhappy peers. And positive people are significantly healthier and less stressed and enjoy deeper social interaction than the less positive people around them. Drawing on original research—including one of the largest studies of happiness ever conducted—and work in boardrooms and classrooms across forty-two countries, Shawn Achor shows us how to rewire our brains for positivity and optimism to reap the happiness advantage in our lives,

our careers, and even our health. His strategies include:

- The Tetris Effect: how to retrain our brains to spot patterns of possibility so we can see and seize opportunities all around us
- Social Investment: how to earn the dividends of a strong social support network
- The Ripple Effect: how to spread positive change within our teams, companies, and families

By turns fascinating, hopeful, and timely, *The Happiness Advantage* reveals how small shifts in our mind-set and habits

can produce big gains at work, at home, and elsewhere.

### Creativity in Research

Crown Currency

The co-founder and longtime president of Pixar updates and expands his 2014 New York Times bestseller on creative leadership, reflecting on the management principles that built Pixar's singularly successful culture, and on all he learned during the past nine years that allowed Pixar to retain its creative culture while continuing

to evolve. "Might be the most thoughtful management book ever."—Fast Company For nearly thirty years, Pixar has dominated the world of animation, producing such beloved films as the Toy Story trilogy, Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Up, and WALL-E, which have gone on to set box-office records and garner eighteen Academy Awards. The joyous storytelling, the inventive plots, the emotional authenticity: In some ways, Pixar movies are an object lesson in what

creativity really is. Here, Catmull reveals the ideals and techniques that have made Pixar so widely admired—and so profitable. As a young man, Ed Catmull had a dream: to make the first computer-animated movie. He nurtured that dream as a Ph.D. student, and then forged a partnership with George Lucas that led, indirectly, to his founding Pixar with Steve Jobs and John Lasseter in 1986. Nine years later, Toy Story was released, changing animation forever. The

essential ingredient in that movie's success—and in the twenty-five movies that followed—was the unique environment that Catmull and his colleagues built at Pixar, based on philosophies that protect the creative process and defy convention, such as:

- Give a good idea to a mediocre team and they will screw it up. But give a mediocre idea to a great team and they will either fix it or come up with something better.
- It's not the manager's job to prevent risks. It's the

manager's job to make it safe for others to take them.

- The cost of preventing errors is often far greater than the cost of fixing them.
- A company's communication structure should not mirror its organizational structure. Everybody should be able to talk to anybody.

Creativity, Inc. has been significantly expanded to illuminate the continuing development of the unique culture at Pixar. It features a new introduction, two entirely new chapters, four new

chapter postscripts, and changes and updates throughout. Pursuing excellence isn't a one-off assignment but an ongoing, day-in, day-out, full-time job. And Creativity, Inc. explores how it is done.

[Creativity, Inc. \(The Expanded Edition\)](#)  
 Hazelden Publishing

This enlightening examination of creativity looks “at art and science together to examine how innovations . . . build on what already exists and rely on three brain operations: bending,

breaking and blending” (The Wall Street Journal) The Runaway Species is a deep dive into the creative mind, a celebration of the human spirit, and a vision of how we can improve our future by understanding and embracing our ability to innovate. David Eagleman and Anthony Brandt seek to answer the question: what lies at the heart of humanity’s ability—and drive—to create? Our ability to remake our world is unique among all living things. But where does our creativity come

from, how does it work, and how can we harness it to improve our lives, schools, businesses, and institutions? Eagleman and Brandt examine hundreds of examples of human creativity through dramatic storytelling and stunning images in this beautiful, full-color volume. By drawing out what creative acts have in common and viewing them through the lens of cutting-edge neuroscience, they uncover the essential elements of this critical human ability, and

encourage a more creative future for all of us. “The Runaway Species approach[es] creativity scientifically but sensitively, feeling its roots without pulling them out.” —The Economist  
[The Creative Brain](#)  
Springer  
Discover how the creative brain works across musical, literary, visual artistic, kinesthetic and scientific spheres, and how to study it.  
**Building a Second Brain** New World Library  
This national bestseller from celebrated novelist

and memoirist Dani Shapiro is an intimate and eloquent companion to living a creative life. Through a blend of memoir, meditation on the artistic process, and advice on craft, Shapiro offers her gift to writers everywhere: a guide of hard-won wisdom and advice for staying the course. In the ten years since the first edition, *Still Writing* has become a mainstay of creative writing classes as well as a lodestar for writers just starting out, and above all, an indispensable

almanac for modern writers.  
The Artist's Way BoD - Books on Demand  
 From the author of *How Emotions Are Made*, a myth-busting primer on the brain, in the tradition of *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* and *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*  
Seven Times Smarter Macmillan + ORM  
*How Creativity Happens* In *The Brain* is about the brain mechanisms of creativity, how a grapefruit-sized heap of meat crackling with electricity manages to be

so outrageously creative. It has a sharp focus: to stick exclusively to sound, mechanistic explanations and convey what we can, and cannot, say about how brains give rise to creative ideas.  
Creativity Simon and Schuster  
 The first edition of the successful *Encyclopedia of Creativity* served to establish the study of creativity is a field in itself. Now completely updated and revised in its second edition, coverage encompasses the definition of creativity, the



development and expression of creativity across the lifespan, the environmental conditions that encourage or discourage creativity, creativity within specific disciplines like music, dance, film, art, literature, etc., the relationship of creativity and mental health, intelligence, and learning styles, and the process of being creative. This reference also appeals to a lay audience with articles specifically on the application of creativity to business settings. Available online

via ScienceDirect and in limited print release. Named a 2012 Outstanding Academic Title by the American Library Association's Choice publication Serves as a compendium of reviews of a number of domain-specific areas, such as acting, dance, expressive arts, film, food, music, religion, science, sports, theater, and writing. Creativity and education are examined in articles about thought processes, such as developmental trends in creative abilities and

potentials, the enhancement of creativity, intelligence, knowledge, play, prodigies, programs and courses, talent and teaching creativity. Cognitive aspects of creativity can be investigated in articles about altered and transitional states, analogies, attention, cognitive style, divergent thinking, flow and optimal experience, metacognition, metaphors, problem-finding, problem-solving, and remote associates.

Covers business and organizational creativity in articles about advertising with art, creative visuals, business/management, creativity coaching, creativity exercises, entrepreneurship, group dynamics, innovation, leadership, organizational culture, organizational development, teams, and training, among others. Explicitly examines the complex interrelationship between society and

creativity in articles about awards, conformity and conventionality, the creative sector and class of society, cultural diversity, the dark side of creativity, East vs. West, networking, social psychology, war, zeitgeist, and others. Personal and interpersonal creativity is discussed in articles relating to collaboration, family, life stages, mentors, networking, personal creativity and self-actualization. Focuses

on scientific information about creativity, there are also articles that discuss brain and neuropsychology, concepts of creativity, definitions of creativity, expertise, longitudinal studies, researching art, artists and art audiences, research methods, phenomenology research and qualitative research. Online version contains an additional 26 biographies of famously creative people

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