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'J. Z. Young is a rare phenomenon. Let us be grateful to him for pointing the way to a new synthesis and for sharing with us the reflections of a brain which is not only formidably furnished with knowledge, but powerfully and originally creative.'

Anthony Storr in *The Sunday Times*

Exactly how does the brain influence our thoughts and actions? How can the great masses of brain tissue be the cause of the way we feel, the decisions we take, and the beliefs we hold? Professor Young attempts to answer this question by bringing recent advances in our knowledge of the brain to bear upon some of the most fundamental human problems. He explores the whole range of human capacities and activities, such as seeing, learning, feeling pain, speaking, eating, loving, hating, sleeping and dreaming, and deals also with the problems of body and mind, showing how the brain may act in knowing, commanding, obeying, enjoying, and creating – even in believing and worshipping.

'Professor Young (arguably the most influential living British biologist), gives us a fascinating insight into his own rich mind as well as a sparkling account of the application of many minds to the problems of the brain.'

New York Times

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