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Ralf-Peter Behrendt : Neuroanatomy of Social Behaviour: An Evolutionary and Psychoanalytic Perspective by Ralf-Peter Behrendt (2011-05-09) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Neuroanatomy of Social Behaviour: An Evolutionary and Psychoanalytic Perspective by Ralf-Peter Behrendt (2011-05-09):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Staggeringly comprehensive overview of the human implications of neuroscience. By Justin Stanley I have been interested in cognitive and affective neuroscience for six years and have read, not deeply, but broadly, on that field for as long. Research articles hold more useful information than books (as well intended as they are) with titles like "Consciousness Explained" or "Descartes' Error"; even the very best of what's been written on consciousness, which IMHO would include books like "How the Mind Uses the Brain" and "How the Body Shapes the Mind" do not quite draw as expansive a net 'round the voluminous body of research literature as I'd like. This book, which I often find myself referring to as a "tome", does so. Dr. Behrendt manages to explore just about every aspect of neuroscience, from the hypothalamus up to the parietal-prefrontal attention networks, from the mirror neuron system to the default mode network, without once skipping the hard work of going back to the relevant experiments and findings in favor of easy synopses. This book must have been a staggering labor to write. Reading it, honestly, feels like being able to cheat. If you are interested enough in consciousness and the brain, that you're willing to hunt down the latest by Damasio, Sacks, et al. (nothing against them) you really owe it to

yourself to keep Wikipedia and Google Scholar handy and devote a few weeks or months to this book. Behrendt doesn't claim or try to answer the hardest of the hard problems, but he doesn't need to, honestly. He has compiled, synthesized, and situated decades of the best research in the field into a genuinely gripping story of how humans perceive, judge, and experience the world. In the light of such an achievement, conjecture on the hard problems isn't necessary: the philosophy will, in time, catch up to what Dr. Behrendt has done here.