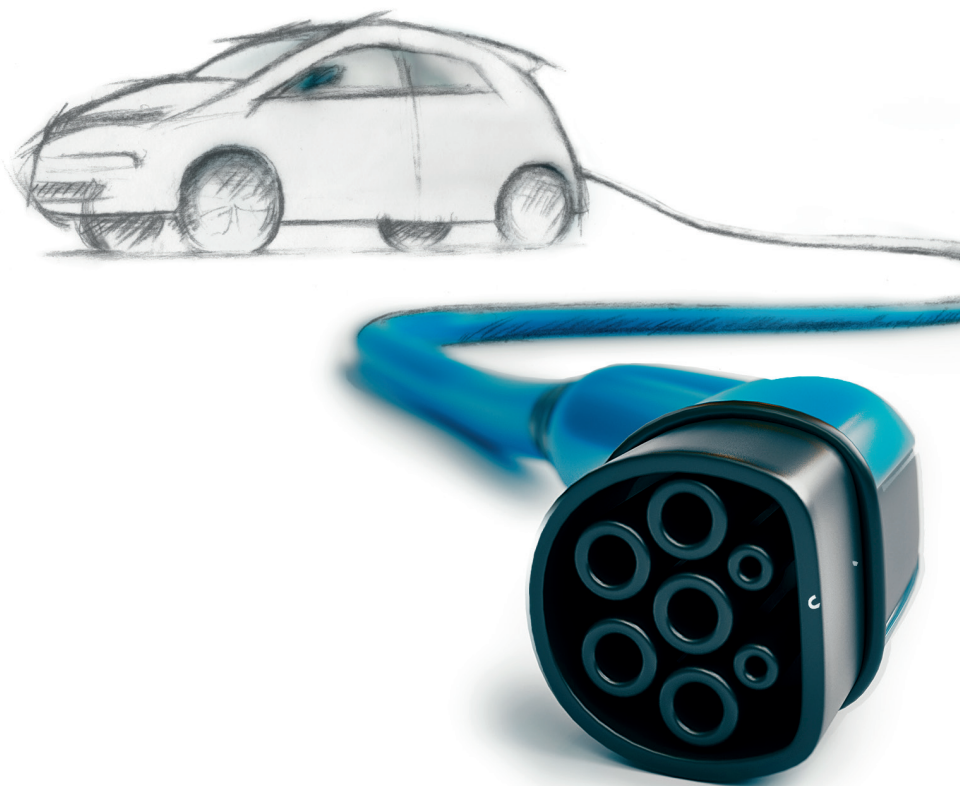


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Éditions MultiMondes has introduced authors such as the physicist Normand Mousseau, horticulturist Bertrand Dumont, entomologist Jean-Pierre Bourassa, physicist Pauline Gagnon, ecologist Claude Villeneuve, and education researcher Marcel Thouin.

Fresh voices are now emerging, including that of Noémie Larouche, whose 2021 debut *Eco-anxiety: The Flip Side of Denial* aims to raise awareness of the fragile state of our mental health in the face of the current climate crisis.

Other popular science writers include Stéphane and Martin Brouillard, authors of the bestselling children's series *The Atomic Neurons*, with over 32,000 copies sold across Canada.

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You can find these unique voices, along with many others, in the following pages. We can't wait to share them with you!

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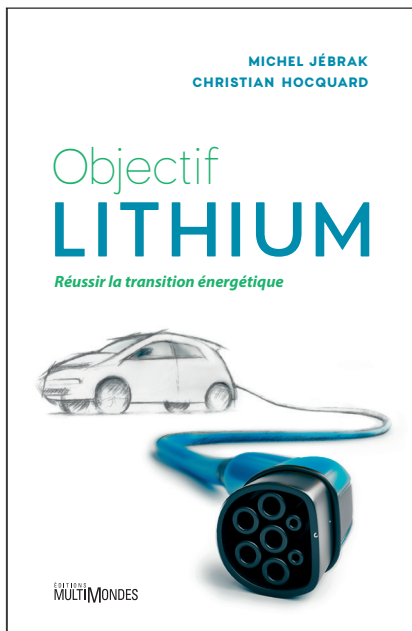
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LITHIUM & THE ENERGY TRANSITION

Objectif lithium : Réussir la transition énergétique

Michel Jebrak et Christian Hocquard



An essay that asks the real questions about the stakes of exploiting this energy resource. An exploration of the geological sources of lithium exploited in the world, its distribution and storage.

An ambitious essay with the scope of a reference volume that aims to shed light on a very topical issue: energy supply. Perfect for eco-anxious readers, sustainable development supporters, and electric car enthusiasts.

Lithium is everywhere: it can be found in cell phones, tablets, and electric bicycles and cars. Lithium-ion batteries are being hailed as the next generation of energy technology and are growing in popularity across the planet.

How does a lithium battery store energy? Are there enough lithium deposits to meet our industrial and domestic needs? Can lithium be used in an environmentally friendly way?

One thing is certain: lithium use could have a profound impact on the world's power grid, freeing us from relying on fossil fuels.

CHRISTIAN HOCQUARD is a geological engineer and economist specializing in raw materials at the BRGM (French Geological Survey) in France.

MICHEL JÉBRAK is a professor emeritus for UQAM's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and is the author of more than 100 scientific publications. He is President of the Scientific council for Ouranos, a consortium that studies climate change.

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ANY ANSWER IS A GOOD ANSWER

Toutes ces réponses sont bonnes

Jérôme Proulx

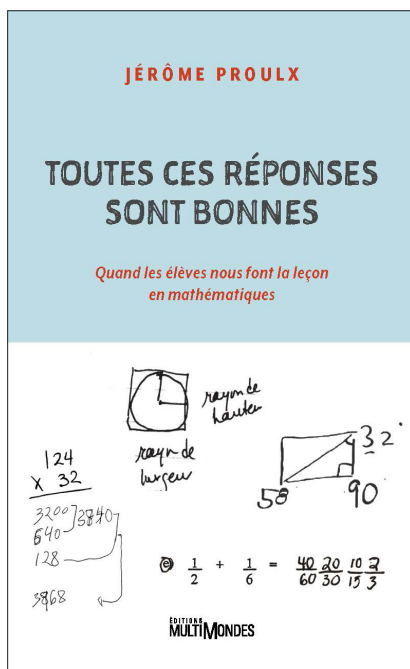
What if students lectured us in math? Math isn't always easy and yet, it is far from rigid, as students often remind us by solving problems in clever and creative ways. Has this phenomenon been too long overlooked?

This unique volume underscores the importance of teaching mathematics and invites readers to discover the power of the discipline—as much a science as it is an art of thought.

Relying on nearly thirty lessons that cover a variety of mathematical concepts including counting, geometry, algebra, and fractions, the collection reveals the originality of students' reasoning skills. From a mathematical perspective, any answer is a good answer if it makes us think.

Brief and to the point, the featured lessons are built on a similar structure: presentation of a classroom problem, followed by a discussion. Each lesson also includes questions for reflection that address the mathematics involved in the problem and how they are taught.

JÉRÔME PROULX is a professor of mathematics education in the mathematics department at UQAM. He directs the Laboratoire Épistémologie et Activité Mathématique, which includes academic researchers, graduate students, pedagogical consultants, and teachers.



Perfect for math teachers; anyone who loves calculus, algebra, equations, or statistics; and parents looking to become more involved in their children's mathematical development.

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THE CAT'S ENIGMA

L'Énigme du chat

François Y. Doré



While this book does not profess to solve the cat's enigma, it provides a wealth of knowledge regarding feline cognition (perception, attention, learning capacity, and memory) and the associated functions, such as communication style and personality.

The ultimate reference for anyone who has—or is hoping to get—a cat. Complete with the most up-to-date scientific research, the book artfully deconstructs longstanding myths about cats, such as their characteristic independence or resistance to training.

There are over 600 million cats in the world today. But whether they are even-tempered or rough-and-tumble, pacifists or hunters, what do we know about these endearing animals? Not much at all! Research on feline behaviour and cognition is scarce and only at the beginning of the year 2000, following interesting archaeological discoveries have we began to understand the strange life that the cat has led for thousands of years in our company.

Can cats distinguish a familiar from a stranger face? How can they live alone, with humans, in small groups, or in large packs—a pattern of social behaviour that is rare among other mammals?

FRANÇOIS Y. DORÉ is the author of nearly a hundred scientific publications related to animal behaviour. He is a professor at Université Laval's Psychology School and his research has focused on learning and memory as well as cognitive development and intelligence in animals.

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Also by François Y. Doré

A WORLD OF DOGS

Un monde de chiens

This book is not a practical guide for choosing the best breed of dog for you, nor will it teach you how to better train your pet; it explores how dogs' unique cognitive abilities greatly contribute to forming their personality. A better look into the personalities and true nature of our four-legged friends.

There are about two billion dogs in the world. They are the oldest animal species domesticated by and for humans. But this coexistence has had a major impact on the evolution of our furry friends. Recent studies in comparative psychology now shed a light on the world of dogs. Able to be traced back to a common ancestor with the wolf, our faithful friends are much more talented than we once thought.



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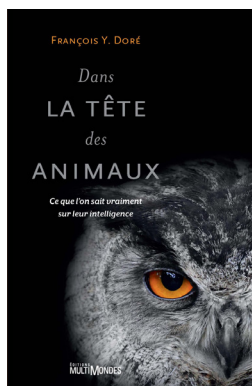
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IN THE HEAD OF ANIMALS

Dans la tête des animaux



An admirable synthesis of studies in comparative psychology and ethology made over a hundred years long.

Although animals cannot converse with us, recent research has shown that they do have intense mental activity. In fact, animals have cognitive skills that allow them to adapt and adjust to the unique world in which they live. And it is by trying to understand the intelligence of each species that we will be able to truly love and respect the animals around us.

What does a cat think about when it watches for birds? An elephant walking in the savannah? A chimpanzee in front of a mirror?

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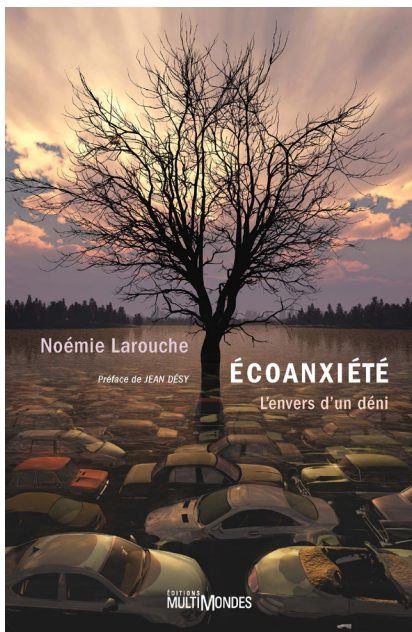
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ECO-ANXIETY: THE FLIP SIDE OF DENIAL

Écoanxiété : L'envers du déni

Noémie Larouche



Personal anecdotes interspersed throughout the report reveal how eco-anxiety can act as a springboard for the great social awakening necessary to save the planet.

“An instructive read that succeeds in maintaining our interest.”

—Normand Baillargeon, *Les libraires*

An essay that demystifies eco-anxiety and exposes the anguish felt by youth around the world in the face of environmental concerns. A well-documented “International Report” that sheds light on the tenuous nature of mental health in an era of climate change.

Has the planet’s fragility become a source of stress for its human inhabitants? Psychologists are already using the terms “pre-traumatic stress” and “eco-anxiety” to describe what is plaguing thousands of people across the globe, from Labrador, to Australia, to Bangladesh. Given such concerns, how is it possible to think calmly about the future—especially if you are 20 and have your whole life ahead of you?

By combing the scholarly literature on the effects of climate change on mental health, as well as by collecting multiple testimonies from activists, psychologists and ecologists, the author succeeds here in identifying this unprecedented civilizational malaise.

NOÉMIE LAROCHE is the editor-in-chief of the science magazine *Curium*. She has a degree in geography and is interested in the present and future challenges of the younger generation, as well as the technological, scientific and social means to take part in them.

CATEGORY: **NONFICTION/CLIMATE CRISIS**

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LOVE, HATE AND THE BRAIN

L'amour, la haine et le cerveau

Michel Rochon

After the success of *Music And Your Brain*, finalist for the 2019 Prix Hubert-Reeves and the Prix Opus, the author is back with a new book that examines neuroscience and current affairs with fresh eyes.

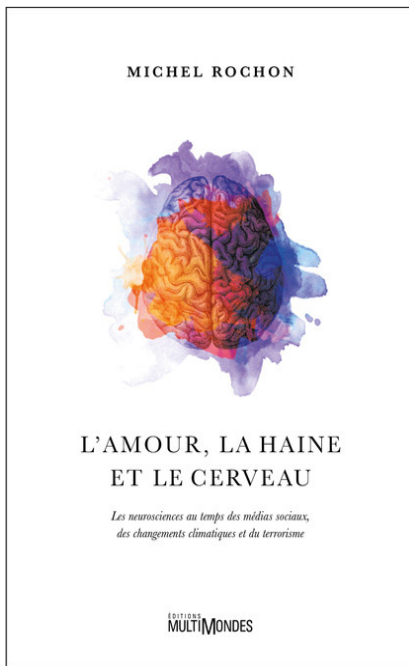
How can we counteract the brain's natural mechanisms—and should we? By seeking to better understand them and banking on our natural empathy, argue recent studies in neuroscience.

Love and hate: current studies in neuroscience shed light on the true nature of these contradictory, yet all-too-human impulses. As surprising as it may seem, we now know that our brains are constantly reorganizing themselves—and have been for hundreds of thousands of years—to develop new behaviours that help us adapt to a changing environment. So whether we like it or not, love and hate are essential to our survival.



MUSIC AND YOUR BRAIN

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What happens inside our heads when love drives us beyond reason? Or when a sense of heightened animosity pushes a person towards terrorism and delirium? The answer is: pretty much the same thing!

MICHEL ROCHON is a science and medical journalist, lecturer, guest speaker and presenter. He has worked for several news teams at CBC/Radio-Canada.

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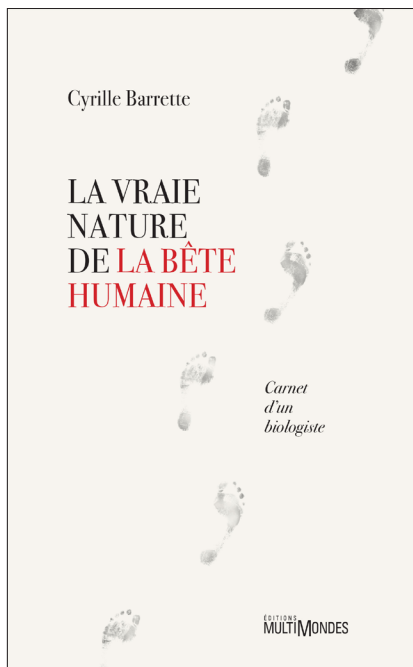
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THE TRUE NATURE OF HUMANS

La vraie nature de la bête humaine

Cyrille Barrette



An unprecedented and very original reflection on the future of humans. The ideas presented in this essay are validated by abundant references.

“A fantastic book to learn about Darwinism.”—Boucar Diouf

A crucial redefinition of the human species at a time when research in evolutionary biology is increasing.

We are animals—but what sets us apart from other species? Today, biologists highlight our distinctiveness, our humanism. While natural selection drives the social lives of other animals, this is not quite the case for homo sapiens. What does this mean? Human mammals are capable of doing things that are useless to our survival or reproduction (i.e. plan vacations, listen to music, applaud a sports performance); we grasp the notion of “future” and can imagine one for ourselves; we aspire to live freely by defending our ability to make choices.

Is this what sets us apart? Not only this, the author argues: “We are violent, prolific, obese, macho and combative by nature, but contrary to all other species, we are neither prisoners nor slaves of this nature (...). We are right to be optimistic; it shows that we are at least capable of exercising superior intelligence.”

CYRILLE BARRETTE was a professor of evolutionary biology at Université Laval. He has extensive experience studying the behaviour and ecology of mammals. *Mystery Without Magic* and *The Mirror of the World* were also published by Éditions Multimondes.

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BIOLOGY**

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THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED STRESS

Le stress d'une vie
Mathieu-Robert Sauvé

“Everyone looked sick.” Young Hans Selye, a student at the time, makes this naïve — yet obvious — observation as he studies the waiting room of a medical clinic. If the patients aren’t sick for the same reasons, he wonders, then why do symptoms such as joint pain or gastrointestinal issues all seem to overlap?

Selye begins his research, hoping to shed light on the enigma. In 1931 he immigrates to Montreal, where he makes a major discovery: he coins the condition “general adaptation syndrome”, otherwise known as stress, today universally acknowledged as the body’s silent response to pressure. But who was Dr. Selye?

Step into the fraught world of Selye’s research to better understand the bitterness that will result from his fruitless attempts at capturing a Nobel Prize. Watch as laboratory rats are shaken by spasms, listen to the gong that punctuates days of experimentation and attend the meeting with French doctor Henri Laborit.

MATHIEU-ROBERT SAUVÉ is a journalist and essayist. His work has appeared in *Forum*, *L’actualité*, *Le Devoir* and *Québec Science*. He has also published a dozen titles, including *Dr Stanley Vollant, my Innu Journey* and *Survive: Evolution in a Wink* with Éditions MultiMondes.

MATHIEU-ROBERT SAUVÉ

LE STRESS D’UNE VIE

Grandeur et misère
du montréalais
Hans Selye,
découvreur du stress

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Hans Selye founded Université de Montréal’s Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery in 1945 and was the author of over 1,700 scientific publications and 39 books. He died in 1982.

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SCIENCE**

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THE RARE BIRD

L'oiseau rare

Yanick Villedieu & Sabrina Gendron (illust.)



The story is accompanied by a series of 24 cards to help budding birdwatchers recognize the birds featured throughout.

Villedieu immerses the reader in a fantastic universe full of plot twists that extols the virtues of being different and of having a friend.

**CATEGORY: FICTION/
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An intergenerational fable half-way between the philosophical novella *The Little Prince* and the spiritual fable *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, *The Rare Bird* will resonate with a younger audience who has experienced bullying and stigmatization.

Melody Blackbird sticks out like a sore thumb: instead of feathers, she is covered in leaves! Whoever heard of such a thing? The news quickly spreads from branch to branch. In every nest, it's all the other birds can hoot, chirp, warble, and twitter about.

The other birds at school begin to tease her: What a strange little bird! Will she ever learn to fly? With the help of her besfriend Ana, a knowledgeable professor, and her Blackbird parents, Melody embarks on a fabulous journey that will take her to the ends of the earth. And there, she makes an extraordinary discovery.

YANICK VILLEDIEU is a science journalist and he has contributed to several magazines. In 2020, he was the recipient of the Prix Judith-Jasmin, awarded by the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec.

SABRINA GENDRON has a degree in visual arts as well as in 2D/3D animation. Her illustrations are touching, colorful and lively.

THE ATOMIC NEURONS SERIES

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Martin & Stéphane Brouillard (ill. PisHier)

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“The books explain many natural events and offer basic science experiments that can be carried out at home or at school. The explanations are brilliant, the characters entertaining.”—*Mitsou Magazine*

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An essential tool for educational development that opens students up to the world and provides an initial contact with science.

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Brothers MARTIN (a teacher) and STÉPHANE BROUILLARD (a science communicator) founded the Atomic Neurons in 2004. They organize classroom workshops to support teachers, science camps, and even children's birthday parties geared towards science. PIERRE GIRARD, a.k.a. PISHIER, works as atomic accomplice to provide the illustrations.

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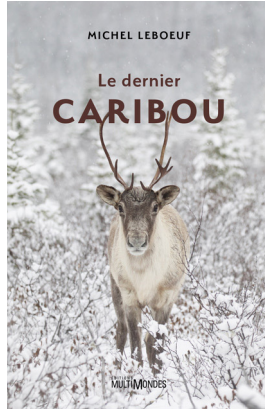
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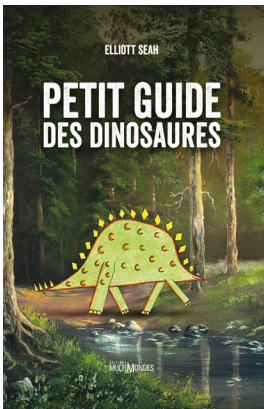
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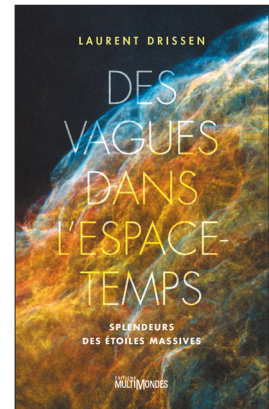
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