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waste of time and money. With illuminating insights, gentle humor, and welcome simplicity, *The Brain: What Everyone Needs to Know*® makes the complex biology of our brains accessible to the general reader."--  
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