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 archaeologists, artificial intelligence researchers and philosophers this  
 volume presents a richly varied picture of the nature and function of  
 mental states. Starting from questions about the cognitive capacities of  
 the early hominin *homo floresiensis*, the essays proceed to the role  
 mental representations play in guiding the behaviour of simple  
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