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Sommario/riassunto	The Shape of Thought: How Mental Adaptations Evolve presents a road map for an evolutionary psychology of the twenty-first century. It brings together theory from biology and cognitive science to show how the brain can be composed of specialized adaptations, and yet also an organ of plasticity. Although mental adaptations have typically been seen as monolithic, hard-wired components frozen in the evolutionary past, The Shape of Thought presents a new view of mental adaptations as diverse and variable, with distinct functions and evolutionary histories that shape how they develop, what information they use, and what they do with that information. The book describes how advances in evolutionary developmental biology can be applied to the brain by focusing on the design of the developmental systems that build it. Crucially, developmental systems can be plastic, designed by the process of natural selection to build adaptive phenotypes using the rich information available in our social and physical environments. This approach bridges the long-standing divide between "nativist"

approaches to development, based on innateness, and "empiricist" approaches, based on learning. It shows how a view of humans as a flexible, culturally-dependent species is compatible with a complexly specialized brain, and how the nature of our flexibility can be better understood by confronting the evolved design of the organ on which that flexibility depends.

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Available After 2006""; ""8 Conclusions and Recommendations""; ""References""; ""Appendixes""; ""Appendix A Biographical Sketches of Committee Members"" ""Appendix B Committee Meetings"" ""Appendix C Current Types of U.S. Landmines""; ""Appendix D Value of Antipersonnel Landmines in Unprotected Mixed Minefields""; ""Appendix E The Ottawa Convention and Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Conventional Weapons""; ""Appendix F Signatories to the Ottawa Convention and Their Alternatives to Landmines""; ""Appendix G Mission Need Statements""

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Examines potential technologies for replacing antipersonnel landmines by 2006, the US target date for signing an international treaty banning these weapons. The text emphasizes the role that technology can play to allow certain weapons to be used more selectively.

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Sommario/riassunto	Enlightenment writers, revolutionaries, and even Napoleon discussed and wrote about France's tiny Jewish population at great length. Why was there so much thinking about Jews when they were a minority of less than one percent and had little economic and virtually no political power? In this unusually wide-ranging study of representations of Jews in eighteenth-century France-both by Gentiles and Jews themselves-Ronald Schechter offers fresh perspectives on the Enlightenment and French Revolution, on Jewish history, and on the nature of racism and intolerance. Informed by the latest historical scholarship and by the insights of cultural theory, <i>Obstinate Hebrews</i> is a fascinating tale of cultural appropriation cast in the light of modern society's preoccupation with the "other." Schechter argues that the French paid attention to the Jews because thinking about the Jews helped them reflect on general issues of the day. These included the role of tradition in religion, the perfectibility of human nature, national identity, and the nature of citizenship. In a conclusion comparing and contrasting the "Jewish question" in France with discourses about women, blacks, and Native Americans, Schechter provocatively widens his inquiry, calling for a more historically precise approach to these important questions of difference.