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From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. There are many things one might expect to find within the covers of a collection of essays by a Stanford professor of biology and neurology: a rich understanding of the complexities of human and animal life; a sensitivity to the relationship between our biological nature and our environmental context; a humility in the face of still-to-be-understood facets of the human condition. All these are in Sapolsky's new collection, along with something one might not expect: wry, witty prose that reads like the unexpected love child of a merger between *Popular Science* and *GQ*, written by an author who could be as much at home holding court at the local pub as he is in a university lab. In this collection (the majority of pieces ran in *Discover*, others in *Men's Health*, the *New Yorker* and *Scientific American*), Sapolsky ranges wherever his formidable curiosity leads, from genetic determinism as seen through the eyes of *People* magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" to the reasons why crotchety old people are neurologically disinclined to like whatever passes for music among young people nowadays. Each essay brings its own unexpected delight, brief enough that you can dip a toe in, yet insightful enough to encourage you to pursue the topic further (and Sapolsky helpfully appends to each essay a list of suggested further readings). (Sept.)

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"Sapolsky ranges wherever his formidable curiosity leads . . . Each essay brings its own unexpected delight . . ." (*Publisher's Weekly (starred review)*)

### About the Author

**Robert M. Sapolsky** is the author of several works of nonfiction, including *A Primate's Memoir*, *The Trouble with Testosterone*, and *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*. He is a professor of biology and neurology at Stanford University and the recipient of a MacArthur Foundation genius grant. He lives in San Francisco.

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