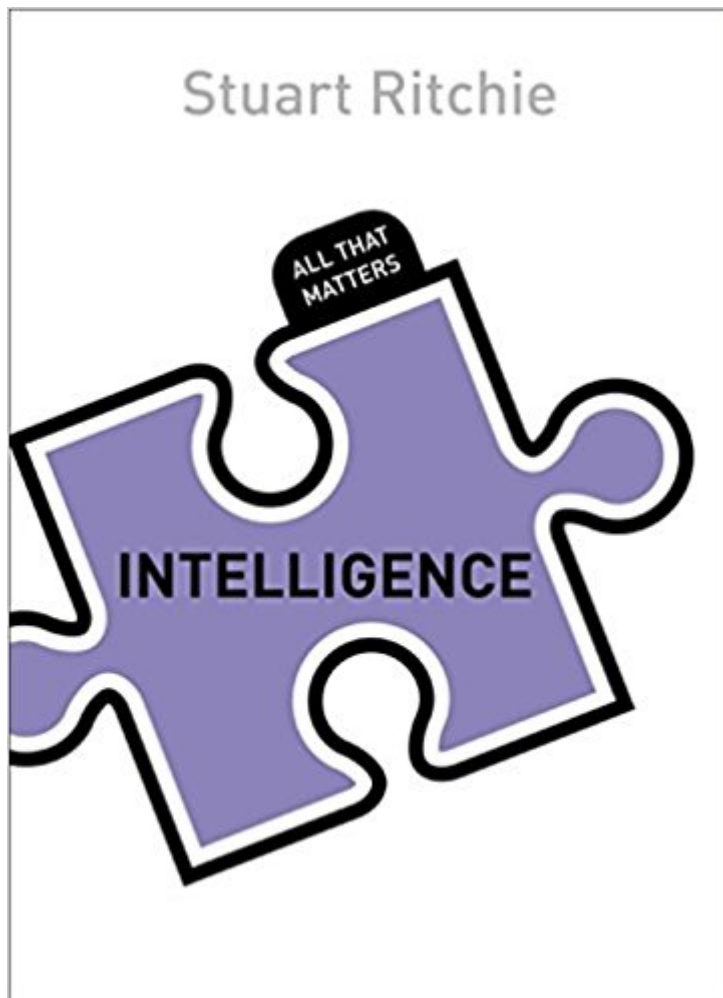


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Intelligence: All That Matters



Synopsis

There is a strange disconnect between the scientific consensus and the public mind on intelligence testing. Just mention IQ testing in polite company, and you'll sternly be informed that IQ tests don't measure anything "real" and only reflect how good you are at doing IQ tests; that they ignore important traits like "emotional intelligence" and "multiple intelligences"; and that those who are interested in IQ testing must be elitists, or maybe something more sinister. Yet the scientific evidence is clear: IQ tests are extraordinarily useful. IQ scores are related to a huge variety of important life outcomes like educational success, income, and even life expectancy, and biological studies have shown they are genetically influenced and linked to measures of the brain. Studies of intelligence and IQ are regularly published in the world's top scientific journals. This book will offer an entertaining introduction to the state of the art in intelligence and IQ, and will show how we have arrived at what we know from a century's research. It will engage head-on with many of the criticisms of IQ testing by describing the latest high-quality scientific research, but will not be a simple point-by-point rebuttal: it will make a positive case for IQ research, focusing on the potential benefits for society that a better understanding of intelligence can bring.

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A lot of people have been dissing IQ as not relevant. There has been much talk about things like emotional intelligence, grit, growth mindset, etc. This brief book gives a nice look at the history of IQ, what it really means, the research behind it. Along the way there is a lot of evidence that IQ is still

very important and relevant. It does not tell the whole story, but it does tell an important part of the story.

This is a must-have for anybody interested in understanding intelligence, and understanding where the field of intelligence research stands right now. I would recommend it to psychology undergrads, and to teachers teaching intelligence. It is an easy and pleasant read, but packed with information. He also brings up those areas that are so inflamed that it is not possible at the moment to really do good research.

This book is an excellent summary of current research into the nature of intelligence. The author clears away popular misconceptions about the basic scientific consensus regarding IQ, and provides a convenient, though short, sourcebook that should prove useful in any debate on the subject. More concise than the Bell Curve and A Troublesome Inheritance, Intelligence: All That Matters would serve as a good primer before delving into those more complicated books. Recommended without reservation.

Excellent book. It includes the most important and recent literature and contents about intelligence and its implications. Is very well written and precise with the technical terminology. Excellent book.

Intelligence is a fascinating topic. It's also one where there is quite a "disconnect" between the scholarly consensus and what the public believes. It's widely agreed that intelligence exists, IQ measures intelligence, IQ is stable throughout one's life, and that IQ corresponds to other things (criminality, marital stability, education, etc.). It's also pretty well agreed that there isn't much we can do to increase IQ. Things such as Head Start offer only short term benefits in intelligence that largely fade as a child hits 17-18. Stuart Ritchie's summary is well worth reading. Also excellent is Ian Deary's book.

An excellent and very readable introduction to the state of the art of intelligence research. Patiently clears up many pop-sci misconceptions and takes care to reference outside material. A worthy successor to Deary's Intelligence: A Very Short Introduction.

A concise, non-partisan introduction to the topic, and debunks the argument that IQ doesn't matter.

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