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A pioneering exploration of the differences between the brains right and left hemispheres and their effects on society, history, and cultureone of the few contemporary works deserving classic status (Nicholas Shakespeare, Times, UK)Persuasively argues that our society is suffering from the consequences of an over-dominant left hemisphere losing touch with its natural regulativemaster the right. Brilliant and disturbing. Salley Vickers, a Guardian Best Book of the Yearl know of no better exposition of the current state of functional brain neuroscience. W. F. Bynum, Times Literary Supplement Why is the brain divided? The difference between right and left hemispheres has been puzzled over for centuries. Drawing upon a vast body of brain research, the renowned psychiatrist, author, and thinker lain McGilchrist reveals that the difference between the two sides is profound two whole, coherent, but incompatible ways of experiencing the world. The detail-oriented left hemisphere prefers mechanisms to living things and is inclined to self-interest, while the right hemisphere has greater breadth, flexibility, and generosity. In the second part of his book, McGilchrist takes the reader on a journey through the history of Western culture, illustrating the tension between these two worlds as revealed in the thought and belief of thinkers and artists from the ancient to the modern, from Aeschylus to Magritte. He ultimately argues that, despite its inferior grasp of reality, the left hemisphere is increasingly taking precedence in todays worldwith potentially disastrous consequences.

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