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This exciting textbook introduces students to the dynamic vibrant area of Cognitive Science the scientific study of the mind and cognition. Cognitive Science draws upon many academic disciplines, including Psychology, Computer Science, Philosophy, Linguistics and Neuroscience. This is the first textbook to present a unified view of Cognitive Science as a discipline in its own right, with a distinctive approach to studying the mind. Students are introduced to the cognitive scientist's toolkit' the vast range of techniques and tools that cognitive scientists can use to study the mind. The book presents the main theoretical models that cognitive scientists are currently using, and shows how those models are being applied to unlock the mysteries of the human mind. Cognitive Science is replete with examples, illustrations, and applications, and draws on cutting-edge research and new developments to explore both the achievements that cognitive scientists have made, and the challenges that lie ahead. "

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Maciej Siwek says

Read only one chapter of the book, for Uni classes but it's pretty neat. Written in simple language, explains a lot about basics of Cognitive Science.

Seamusin says

Really frustrating experience. Do not recommend. There's a very accurate review/summary over on lesswrong (http://lesswrong.com/lw/il1/book_revi...).

I learned plenty from the book, but as So8res in the above review puts it, "the book was a lot of noise with very little signal". It could easily have been half the length. The target audience (if the author indeed intended one at all) is pitched far too low. His use and placement of diagrams indicates to me only that he knows textbooks like this should have diagrams - but he's not exactly sure what for.

Suggestion: take the contents at the begining of each chapter and just wiki it for clearer, shorter explanations.

Lindsay Boldon says

I understand why some people didn't rate this book too highly, as it's rather intimidating if you don't have a background with AI or supplemental resources that you can pull from in order to better understand/relate to. It might help to read Haugeland, Turing, and Newell before studying this book.

I'd say this textbook is about average, I'm rating it with an additional star as I appreciated how interdisciplinary it is.

Christina says

If you want a book in which you will learn very little about Cognitive Science, but a whole lot of confusing details about AI, then this is the book for you. I hated reading this book, the writer assumes that you know everything about Cognitive Science and uses technical jargon throughout. Not for an introductory course, which is what I took.

Yasiru (reviews will soon be removed and linked to blog) says

Summary- <http://commonsenseatheism.com/?p=13607>

Risto Saarelma says

http://lesswrong.com/lw/il1/book_revi... (anti-recommendation)

Pedro Carvalho says

Very interesting but very trivial.
