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*The Food Mood Connection*  
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How to rewire your brain to improve virtually every aspect of your life-based on the latest research in neuroscience and psychology on neuroplasticity and evidence-based practices Not long ago, it was thought that the brain you were born with was the brain you would die with, and that the brain cells you had at birth were the most you would ever possess. Your brain was

thought to be "hardwired" to function in predetermined ways. It turns out that's not true. Your brain is not hardwired, it's "softwired" by experience. This book shows you how you can rewire parts of the brain to feel more positive about your life, remain calm during stressful times, and improve your social relationships. Written by a leader in the field of Brain-Based Therapy, it teaches you how to activate the parts of your brain that have been underactivated and calm down those areas that have been hyperactivated so that you feel positive about your life and remain calm during stressful times. You will also learn to improve your memory, boost your mood, have better

relationships, and get a good night sleep. Reveals how cutting-edge developments in neuroscience, and evidence-based practices can be used to improve your everyday life Other titles by Dr. Arden include: Brain-Based Therapy-Adult, Brain-Based Therapy-Child, Improving Your Memory For Dummies and Heal Your Anxiety Workbook Dr. Arden is a leader in integrating the new developments in neuroscience with psychotherapy and Director of Training in Mental Health for Kaiser Permanente for the Northern California Region Explaining exciting new developments in neuroscience and their applications to daily living, Rewire Your Brain will guide

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you through the process of changing your brain so you can change your life and be free of self-imposed limitations.

**The XX Brain** Oxford University Press

Do you sometimes feel that you're less sharp than you could be? Or do you feel that your mental energy isn't where you want it to be? Did you know that you can change the way that you think and feel by changing what you eat? And most importantly - it's something you need to start doing right now. It's hard to know what's meant to be healthy. If you ever read the news, all too often you'll see headlines praising a food one day, and then condemning it the next. You'll see people selling you miracle cures for conditions that they've invented. You'll realise that powerful industries control the information that's given the most airtime, and that ultimately, you're better off trying to find out the truth for yourself. My name is Aisha Summers, and over my lifetime involvement in the nutrition industry, I've learned that the only way to truly empower yourself is through knowledge. Your health is in your own hands, and true health can be built on knowledge. In my book, *Food for your brain*, here's just a small part of the things we'll cover: The best diet to maintain a healthy

brain throughout your whole life. The worst things for your brain - the foods you really need to avoid. The surprising science that reveals the links between your diet and your mental health. How changing your understanding of nutrition will mean that the changes you make to your diet will stick. It's not just what kind of food that you eat - but the quantities and timing make a difference as well. The ways to reorientate your life to make sure your brain is at its best, and how food can take a central role. A lot of people feel that the health of your brain is something that you only need to start thinking about when you get old. But the things that you're eating right now, the food that you're putting into your body on a daily basis, is laying the groundwork for how your brain will function in the future. This isn't a problem that can be left to be dealt with later. Keeping your brain in the best possible health should be your top priority. Take action now, by building your knowledge. This book will provide you with the advice and information that you can immediately put into action for yourself and to help the people you love.

**Hijacked by Your Brain** Balance

With chapters that focus on developing a robust therapeutic alliance and inspiring patients to assume responsibility for their own well-being, this guide provides a framework for lasting, sustainable lifestyle changes.

**Feed Your Brain** New World Library

Dr. Daniel Amen

offers evidence-based approach to preventing and treating conditions like anxiety, depression, ADHD, addictions, PTSD, bipolar, and more.

**Your Brain on Food** Oxford University Press

This is the ultimate guide to getting your brain in tip-top shape and keeping it healthy via the foods you eat. With a worldwide ageing population, and cases of dementia as well as severe depression and anxiety alarmingly on the rise, the need to look after your brain optimally has never been more important. It has now been proven beyond a doubt that it is possible to improve focus and memory, reduce stress and anxiety, and think more clearly simply by enjoying a diet rich in the right nutrients. In Part 1 of *Feed Your Brain*, Delia takes you through her 7-step program, simply and clearly explaining the science behind how the brain works, and showing how vitamins, minerals, fats, oils, carbohydrates and proteins affect brain function. Part 2 of the book features delicious, quick and easy recipes that can form the

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basis of your new diet while also providing you with inspiration to come up with your own ideas in the kitchen.

*Book of the Brain and how it Works* Little, Brown Spark

In this groundbreaking union of art and science, rocker-turned-neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin explores the connection between music—its performance, its composition, how we listen to it, why we enjoy it—and the human brain. Taking on prominent thinkers who argue that music is nothing more than an evolutionary accident, Levitin poses that music is fundamental to our species, perhaps even more so than language. Drawing on the latest research and on musical examples ranging from Mozart to Duke Ellington to Van Halen, he reveals: • How composers produce some of the most pleasurable effects of listening to music by exploiting the way our brains make sense of the world • Why we are so emotionally attached to the music we listened to as teenagers, whether it was Fleetwood Mac, U2, or Dr. Dre • That practice, rather than talent, is the driving force behind musical expertise • How those insidious little jingles (called earworms) get stuck in our head A Los Angeles Times

Book Award finalist, *This Is Your Brain on Music* will attract readers of Oliver Sacks and David Byrne, as it is an unprecedented, eye-opening investigation into an obsession at the heart of human nature.

*The Healthy Mind Cookbook* Rodale Books

Discover how you can use high-protein, brain-fueling foods to overcome anxiety, worry, and fatigue for good! Do you struggle with anxiety, sugar cravings, weight gain, and fatigue? You aren't alone. In our busy, overscheduled lives, many of us turn to fast food to relieve stress and meet the challenges of our jobs, families, and relationships. But these "on-the-go" meals—which are typically low in protein and high in sugar—can actually contribute to our anxiety, add to our waistlines, and increase our risk of developing devastating medical problems. So, what can you do to break free from this vicious cycle? In this practical, feel-better-now workbook, you'll learn how to make healthier food choices, and discover how protein and sugar affect your emotions and energy on any given day. You'll also find convenient meal planning and tracking tools to help you monitor your progress, and a wealth of

easy tips and doable ways to improve your diet, overcome fatigue, and restore your vitality and mental clarity.

Everyone's heard the adage, "You are what you eat." When it comes to anxiety, research now shows that nutritional factors often underlie the anxious thoughts and feelings we have every day. With this life-changing workbook, you'll learn to use brain-boosting foods to stay one step ahead of anxiety.

**The Better Brain** Exisle Publishing

Easy-to-understand rules for eating right, from food expert Mark Bittman and Yale physician David Katz, MD, based on their hit Grub Street article

*Lifestyle Psychiatry* HarperCollins

The host of the eponymous podcast "takes readers on an adventure through several well-researched categories of facts and trivia . . . with a dash of humor" (Elise Hennessy, author of the Blood Legacy series). So what if you picked up some historical inaccuracies (and flat-out myths) in history class. Your Brain on Facts is here to teach and reteach readers relevant trivia. It explains surprising science in simple language, gives the unexpected origins of pop culture classics, and reveals important tidbits related to current issues. Get ready for trivia night done right. Inside, find true facts, strange facts, and just plain weird

facts. Your Brain on Facts features general trivia questions and answers, offering science, art, technology, medicine, music, and history trivia to brainiacs everywhere. Learn: What's the language of the stateless nation in the Pyrenees mountains Where the world-changing birth control pill was tested Who wrote lyrics for the Star Trek theme song that were never used "A fun collection of facts that will leave you full of information you never knew you needed to know!" —Sophie Stirling, author of We Did That? "I've been a fan of Moxie's Twitter feed for a while now . . . but it's even nicer to have all of these delightful facts and stories packaged in book form! Thumb through the pages, pause anywhere, and I'm certain you'll find something that not only tickles your brain, but makes you smile too."

—Mangesh Hattikudur, co-founder of Mental Floss "Moxie is a relentless and excellent purveyor of hidden history and long-lost facts. Read enough of this book and you'll be the most popular person at any cocktail party!" —Alicia Alvarez, author of The Big Book of Women's Trivia

*Brain Food* Oxford

University Press, USA

An internationally renowned neuroscientist, Dr. Wenk has been educating college and medical students about the brain and lecturing around the world for more

than forty years. He has published over three hundred publications on the effects of drugs upon the brain. This essential book vividly demonstrates how a little knowledge about the foods and drugs we eat can teach us a lot about how our brain functions. The information is presented in an irreverent and non-judgmental manner that makes it highly accessible to high school teenagers, inquisitive college students and worried parents. Dr. Wenk has skillfully blended the highest scholarly standards with illuminating insights, gentle humor and welcome simplicity. The intersection between brain science, drugs, food and our cultural and religious traditions is plainly illustrated in an entirely new light. Wenk tackles fundamental questions, including: • Why do you wake up tired from a good long sleep and why does your sleepy brain crave coffee and donuts? • How can understanding a voodoo curse explain why it is so hard to stop smoking? • Why is a vegetarian or gluten-free diet not always the

healthier option for the brain? • How can liposuction improve brain function? • What is the connection between nature's hallucinogens and religiosity? • Why does marijuana impair your memory now but protect your memory later in life? • Why do some foods produce nightmares? • What are the effects of diet and obesity upon the brains of infants and children? • Are some foods better to eat after traumatic brain injury?

#### The Thyroid Connection

Houghton Mifflin

What do you do when stress takes over your life, and nothing you do to feel better seems to work? When you...

- Melt down over the smallest things
- Get angry at the people you love
- Choke under pressure
- Feel tense and worried all the time
- Procrastinate or give up in the face of a crucial deadline
- Use food, alcohol, gambling, or other addictions to cope
- Dwell on the past when you just want to move on

Hijacked by Your Brain is the first book to explain how stress changes your brain and what you can do about it. Stress is not the enemy. In order to reduce stress, you have to understand why your brain causes you to feel stress and how you can take advantage of it to handle the high-stress people and situations in your life. This

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groundbreaking book reveals the step missing in most stress reduction guides. We can't stop stress, but we can control the effect stress has on us.

Hijacked by Your Brain is the user's manual for your brain that shows you how to free yourself when stress takes over.

### The End of Mental Illness

Houghton Mifflin

Draws on new research to answer questions about the effects of specific drugs and foods on the brain, in an updated edition that discusses the role of biorhythms and how drugs interact with the body's biochemistry. --Publisher's description.

**Keep Sharp** Simon and Schuster

Acclaimed neuroscientist Gary Wenk reveals the fascinating impacts of exercise on the brain. Decades of research demonstrate that regular modest levels of exercise improve heart and lung function and may relieve joint pain. Regular daily exercise will help your body to regulate blood sugar levels and reduce inflammation, and many of these benefits are a consequence of reducing the amount of body fat you carry around. Your body clearly benefits in many ways from regular exercise. Does your brain benefit as well? Does regular exercise positively affect brain function? Does our thinking

become faster because we exercise? Does running a marathon make us smarter? Dr. Gary Wenk's goal is to provide a realistic perspective on what benefits your brain should expect to achieve from exercise. Your Brain on Exercise skillfully blends scholarship with illuminating insights and clarity. Without requiring any specialized knowledge about the brain, Your Brain on Exercise entertainingly illustrates the intersection between brain health, the consequences of exercise, and our need to eat in an entirely new light. An internationally renowned neuroscientist and medical researcher, Dr. Wenk has been educating college and medical students about the brain and lecturing around the world for more than forty years.

**This Is Your Brain on Food** Ten Speed Press

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manner that makes it highly accessible to high school teenagers, inquisitive college students and worried parents. Dr. Wenk has skillfully blended the highest scholarly standards with illuminating insights, gentle humor and welcome simplicity. The intersection between brain science, drugs, food and our cultural and religious traditions is plainly illustrated in an entirely new light. Wenk tackles fundamental questions, including: · Why do you wake up tired from a good long sleep and why does your sleepy brain crave coffee and donuts? · How can understanding a voodoo curse explain why it is so hard to stop smoking? · Why is a vegetarian or gluten-free diet not always the healthier option for the brain? · How can liposuction improve brain function? · What is the connection between nature's hallucinogens and religiosity? · Why does marijuana impair your memory now but protect your memory later in life? · Why do some foods produce nightmares? · What are the effects of diet and obesity upon the brains of infants and children? · Are some foods better to eat after traumatic brain injury?

*The Brain Warrior's Way* Penguin

An introduction to the science behind stereotypes. From the time we're babies, our brains sort and label the world around us — a necessary skill for survival. But there's a downside: we also do it to groups of people in ways that

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can be harmful. With loads of examples, here's a scientific overview of stereotyping, covering the history of identifying stereotypes, secret biases in our brains, how stereotypes affect our sense of self, and current research into the ways that science can help us overcome them.

Adolescents are all too familiar with stereotypes. Here's why our brains create stereotypes, and how science can help us do it less.

### **How to Eat** Flatiron Books

It's remarkable how much the foods we eat can impact our brain chemistry and emotions. What and when we eat can make the difference between feeling anxious and staying calm and in control. But most of us don't realize how much our diets influence our moods, thoughts, and feelings until we make a change. In *The Antianxiety Food Solution*, you'll find four unique antianxiety diets designed to help you address nutritional deficiencies that may be at the root of your anxiety and enjoy the many foods that foster increased emotional balance. This helpful guide allows you to choose the best plan for you and incorporates effective anxiety-busting foods and nutrients. You'll soon be on the path to freeing yourself from anxiety—and enjoying an improved overall mood,

better sleep, fewer cravings, and optimal health—the natural way! The book also includes an easy-to-use index. In *The Antianxiety Food Solution*, you'll discover: How to assess your diet for anxiety-causing and anxiety-calming foods and nutrients that balance your brain chemistry Which anxiety-triggering foods and drinks you may need to avoid Easy lifestyle changes that reduce anxiety and increase happiness

### **Rewire Your Brain**

Macmillan

How to fix the Modern American Diet and reclaim our minds and waistlines “An insightful, eye opening adventure into diet and nutrition. Concise and witty, this book kept me engaged from cover to cover. A must-have for anyone serious about getting happy and healthy naturally.”—Andrew Morton, MD, Board-certified Family Physician; Former Medical Corps, US Navy and Army Infantry Medic, Desert Storm For the first time in history, too much food is making us sick. The Modern American Diet (MAD) is expanding our waistlines while starving and shrinking our brains.

Rates of obesity and depression have recently doubled, and though these epidemics are closely linked, few experts are connecting the dots for the average American. Using data from the rapidly changing fields of neuroscience and nutrition, *The Happiness Diet* shows that over the past several generations, small, seemingly insignificant changes to our diet have stripped it of nutrients—like magnesium, vitamin B12, iron, and vitamin D, as well as some very special fats—that are essential for happy, well-balanced brains. These shifts also explain the overabundance of mood-destroying foods in the average American's diet and why they predispose most of us to excessive weight gain. After a clear explanation of how we've all been led so far astray, *The Happiness Diet* empowers the reader to steer clear of this MAD way of life with simple, straightforward solutions, including: • A list of foods to swear off • Shopping tips and kitchen organization tricks • A compact healthy cookbook full of brain-building

recipes • Practical advice, meal plans, and more! Graham and Ramsey guide you through these steps and then remake your diet by doubling down on feel-good foods—even the all-American burger. Praise for *The Happiness Diet* “Finally, a rock-solid, reliable, informative, and entertaining book on how to eat your way to health and happiness. Run—don’t walk—to read and adopt *The Happiness Diet*. This is the only diet book I’ve encountered that I can actually recommend to patients without reservation.”—Bonnie Maslin, PhD, Psychologist and author of *Picking Your Battles* “A lively, thorough, and iron-clad case for real food. You will never eat an egg-white omelet or soy protein shake again.”—Nina Planck, author of *Real Food and Real Food for Mother and Baby* “The book includes food lists, shopping tips, brain-building recipes, smart slimming strategies, and other useful tools to lose weight and keep the blues at bay.”—AM New York  
*The Genius Life* Little, Brown Spark  
New York Times

Bestseller Discover the critical link between your brain and the food you eat and change the way your brain ages, in this cutting-edge, practical guide to eliminating brain fog, optimizing brain health, and achieving peak mental performance from media personality and leading voice in health Max Lugavere. After his mother was diagnosed with a mysterious form of dementia, Max Lugavere put his successful media career on hold to learn everything he could about brain health and performance. For the better half of a decade, he consumed the most up-to-date scientific research, talked to dozens of leading scientists and clinicians around the world, and visited the country’s best neurology departments—all in the hopes of understanding his mother’s condition. Now, in *Genius Foods*, Lugavere presents a comprehensive guide to brain optimization. He uncovers the stunning link between our dietary and lifestyle choices and our brain functions, revealing how the foods you eat directly affect your ability

to focus, learn, remember, create, analyze new ideas, and maintain a balanced mood. Weaving together pioneering research on dementia prevention, cognitive optimization, and nutritional psychiatry, Lugavere distills groundbreaking science into actionable lifestyle changes. He shares invaluable insights into how to improve your brain power, including the nutrients that can boost your memory and improve mental clarity (and where to find them); the foods and tactics that can energize and rejuvenate your brain, no matter your age; a brain-boosting fat-loss method so powerful it has been called “biochemical liposuction”; and the foods that can improve your happiness, both now and for the long term. With *Genius Foods*, Lugavere offers a cutting-edge yet practical road map to eliminating brain fog and optimizing the brain’s health and performance today—and decades into the future. *This is Your Brain on Sports* Penguin  
A collection of more than 120 recipes formulated to optimize brain health, boost memory, improve mood, sharpen the

central nervous system, and more. Depression, ADHD, memory loss, agitation: These may seem like inevitable byproducts of modern lives spent multitasking, not getting enough sleep, and operating on digital overload. But while much of the brain's work still remains a mystery, a growing body of scientific evidence suggests that the food you eat directly affects how well your brain functions. Brain health also plays a significant role in staving off diabetes, heart disease, and Alzheimer's disease. In *The Healthy Mind Cookbook*, Rebecca Katz has harnessed the latest research on the brain to identify the foods that can improve the brain's ability to control cognition, emotion, and physical function—all of which dictate memory and mood. She then translates the very best of brain science into the kitchen, using delicious nutrient-dense foods as a tool for promoting a healthy mind from childhood through the golden years. With a culinary pharmacy listing the benefits of key ingredients, complete nutritional details for each dish, and flavor-packed recipes for every meal of the day, including Avocado and Citrus Salad, Sweet Potato Hash, Turkish Lamb Sliders, and Chocolate Cherry Walnut Truffles, *The Healthy Mind Cookbook* will help lift the fog of everyday life so you can reach your full physical and mental potential.

**Relationships Among the Brain, the Digestive System, and Eating Behavior** Oxford

University Press  
New York Times bestselling authors Dr. Daniel Amen and Tana Amen are ready to lead you to victory...*The Brain Warrior's Way* is your arsenal to win the fight to live a better life. The Amens will guide you through the process, and give you the tools to take control. So if you're serious about your health, either out of desire or necessity, it's time to arm yourself and head into battle. When trying to live a healthy lifestyle, every day can feel like a battle. Forces are destroying our bodies and our minds. The standard American diet we consume is making us sick; we are constantly bombarded by a fear-mongering news media; and we're hypnotized by technical gadgets that keep us from our loved ones. Even our own genes can seem like they're out to get us. But you can win the war. You can live your life to the fullest, be your best, and feel your greatest, and the key to victory rests between your ears. Your brain runs your life. When it works right, your body works right, and your decisions tend to be thoughtful and goal directed. Bad choices, however, can lead to a myriad of problems in your body. Studies have shown that your habits turn on or off certain genes that make illness and early death more or less likely. But you can master your brain and body for the rest of your life with a scientifically-designed program: the Brain Warrior's Way. Master your brain and

body for the rest of your life. This is not a program to lose 10 pounds, even though you will do that—and lose much more if needed. You can also prevent Alzheimer's, reverse aging, and improve your:  
-Overall health -Focus  
-Memory -Energy -Work -Mood  
Stability -Flexibility -Inner Peace -Relationships  
The Amens have helped tens of thousands of clients over thirty years, and now they can help you. It is time to live a better life—right now!