Intelligence: A Very Short Introduction
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Intelligence: A Very Short Introduction describes how and why people differ in their thinking power by dealing with issues such as what intelligence is, whether there are several different types of intelligence, and whether one person can be described as more ‘intelligent’ than another. The fact that the broad powers of human intelligence show differences has been recognized since antiquity. Our language is full of words that signify the possession or lack of an efficient brain. People value their powers of thinking. Are differences in intelligence caused by genes or the environment? Does intelligence decline or increase as we grow older? What is the biological basis of thinking?

Thinking and Reasoning: A Very Short Introduction
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Thinking and Reasoning: A Very Short Introduction explores cognitive psychological approaches to understanding the nature of thinking and reasoning, problem solving, and decision making. It shows how humans’ unique problem-solving capabilities are hugely dependent on having the imagination to ask the right questions, and the ability to see things from a completely new perspective. Beginning by considering the approaches of the behaviourists and the gestalt psychologists, it moves on to modern explorations of thinking, including hypothetical thinking, conditionals, deduction, rationality, and intuition. Covering the role of past learning, IQ, and cognitive biases, this VSI also discusses the idea that there may be two different ways of thinking, arising from our evolutionary history.