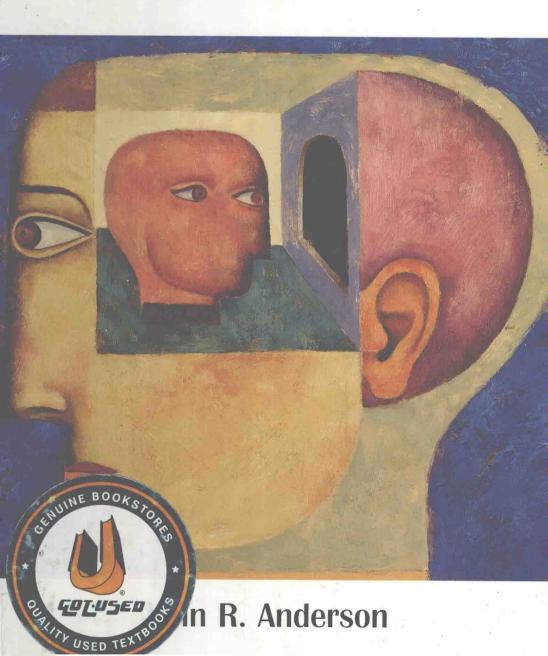
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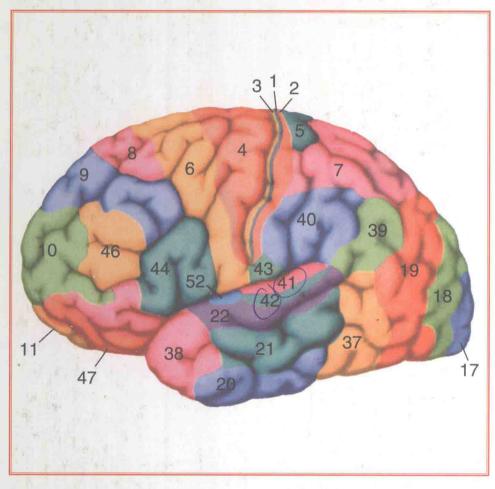
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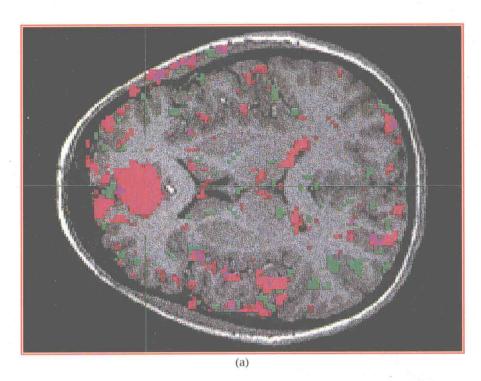
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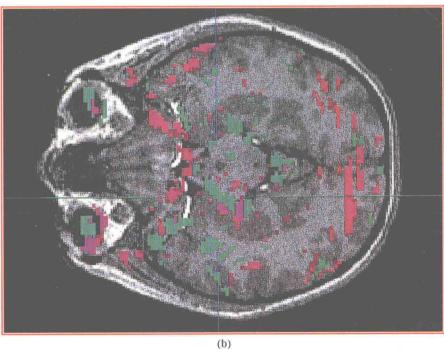
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The fifty-two distinct areas described by Brodmann based on cell structure and arrangement.





fMRI scans of a subject practicing a complex task studied by Fincham, Schneider, and Anderson. Red indicates activation early in practice, and green indicates activation late in practice.

- (a) An oblique axial scan of a slice through the upper part of the brain showing large anterior cingulate activation early in practice.
- (b) An oblique axial scan of a slice through the medial part of the brain showing large hippocampal activation late in practice.

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## Preface

This is the fifth edition of my book. It was over twenty years ago that I undertook the writing of the first edition. A generation has passed and a lot has happened in cognitive psychology since that time, and a lot has happened to me and my perspectives on the field and its teaching.

The first edition was written when the field of cognitive psychology had just reached maturity. In the 1950s, a number of true pioneers broke with the behaviorist tradition and laid the foundations for cognitive psychology. In the 1960s psychologists worked hard to establish experimental paradigms and theoretical models for the new discipline. When I entered the field at the beginning of the 1970s, I was able to take full advantage of the previous two decades of effort. In the 1970s there was an amazing blossoming of research, and by the end of the decade, it became apparent to me that there was a coherent structure to the field that could be communicated in a textbook. The first edition of this book was published in 1980.

Since 1980 cognitive psychology has matured substantially. Almost every area has broadened in its empirical bases and in the detail of its theoretical interpretations. It has become increasingly difficult to choose exactly what to discuss in the book, but I continue to strive to provide the student with the big picture of the current state of the field. There have been new areas of research, most notably studies of human expertise and research on the neural basis of cognition. Some of the research on expertise is presented in Chapter 9, which was new in the second edition. Probably, the most significant difference between this current edition and the fourth edition is the increased use of data from cognitive neuroscience. Such data is starting to substantially determine our understanding of the mind.

In response to a publishing merger, my book is now being published by Worth. This has been a relatively painless transition for me, and I appreciate the effort at Worth to make it so. Among their many activities, they arranged for an extensive set of reviews. I appreciate the many comments and suggestions of these reviewers: Charles K. Allan, University of Montana; James Beale, Grand Valley State University; Stephen Blessing, University of Florida; Bruce Britton, University of Georgia; Gregory Burton, Seton Hall University; Robert Calfee, Stanford University; Nick Chater,

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John R. Anderson

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