



## Our Own Minds: Sociocultural Grounds for Self-Consciousness (Hardback)

By Radu J. Bogdan

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2010. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. An argument that in response to sociocultural pressures, human minds develop self-consciousness by activating a complex machinery of self-regulation. In *Our Own Minds*, Radu Bogdan takes a developmental perspective on consciousness -- its functional design in particular -- and proposes that children's functional capacity for consciousness is assembled during development out of a variety of ontogenetic adaptations that respond mostly to sociocultural challenges specific to distinct stages of childhood. Young human minds develop self-consciousness -- in the broad sense of being conscious of the self's mental and behavioral relatedness to the world -- because they face extraordinary and escalating sociocultural pressures that cannot be handled without setting in motion a complex executive machinery of self-regulation under the guidance of an increasingly sophisticated intuitive psychology. Bogdan suggests that self-consciousness develops gradually during childhood. Children move from being oriented toward the outside world in early childhood to becoming (at about age four) oriented also toward their own minds. Bogdan argues that the sociocultural tasks and practices that children must assimilate and engage in competently demand the development of an intuitive psychology (also known as theory...



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