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examining the potential of the contemporary English language novel to represent and inquire into various aspects of the human mind Grounded in contemporary literary theory as well as consciousness studies the essays consider both narrative techniques by means of which writers attempt to render various states of consciousness such as multimodality in digital fiction or experimental typography in post traumatic narratives and novelistic interpretations of issues currently being investigated by neurobiologists cognitive scientists and philosophers of the mind such as the adaptive value of consciousness or the process of self integration by means of self narration The volume thus offers critical reflection upon the novel s cognitive accomplishment in this challenging area Contributors are Nathan D Frank Judit Friedrich Justyna Galant Marta Komsta P ter Krist f Makai Ajitpaul Mangat Grzegorz Maziarczyk James McAdams Daniel Panka Barbara Puschmann Nalenz Joanna Klara Teske Lloyd Issac Vayo D ra Vecserny s Sylwia Wilczewska

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