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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fun Trip Into A Writers Mind and World Of Complexity Hilarious And Recommended By Susan Beckman A Review of Homo Conscius by author Timothy Balding I love this book. I recommend this book. It is a man's book but it is also a woman's book for those who like men or those women who wish to ponder the complex deeper inner thinking structures of an intelligent man. Victor our protagonist faces the

inevitable possibility that even his life has a termination point. Writers will definitely identify with him and his churning questioning, reviewing, and evaluating for an empirical structure of his life's meaning. With the help of a newly purchased allegedly potential taking parrot he projects his philosophical ponderings in between tutorials of speech to his new student his caged African Grey. The numerous hilarious quips interjected throughout enhance the trip making the pages fly by with sheer enjoyment as observers peer into the mind of Victor on his journey as he takes on every subject one might question. This is a book for everyone's library to read again and lend to friends or a fun book club read. SLBA available on .com 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Reconciling us with our minds By Patrice Schneider In the 60s, Arthur Koestler traced man's penchant for self-destruction to an evolutionary mistake: 'because the new, human forebrain (where we do our reasoning) was simply stuck on top of the older "reptilian" mid-brain (the home of emotion) man is often at war with himself, torn between overwhelming emotional drives and the dictates of coldly calculating reason'. An evolutionary dead end of sorts. 50 years later, Timothy Balding's book brings forth a novel, reconciling vision of our relationship with our mind and opens an optimistic vision of the human journey: what if "a high degree of, and perhaps even absolute, self-consciousness was a necessary and unstoppable development in the human species, another evolutionary threshold." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must read! By Bengt Braun Read this book! I highly recommend Timothy Balding's newly-published novel Homo Conscius. It is witty, mind-blowing, eye-opening, inspiring and will enrich all thinking humans (and if you haven't yet become one, you might precisely like to start here with this book). You can expect to discover a truly human dimension to temper and perhaps challenge Yuval Harari's theories (in Sapiens and Homo Deus) that we are basically skin-bags full of algorithms. Homo Conscius is great fun and thought-provoking and if you follow (if indeed you can!) all the stochastically-blended lines of reason, you will be better off for it.

Half-drunk on the operating table as an indifferent surgeon cuts a hole in his wrist, Victor Andrews contemplates his impending death with dread and sorrow. It's not dying that makes him distraught, he reflects, but the idea that he may quit his life, after all these years, having understood little or nothing about it. A few deathbed jokes at his own expense will be in order, of course. But what will he be able to say about his life that is true, original, essential? Victor decides, if the doctors don't kill him, to embark on a forensic investigation through the dimly-lit corridors of his mind in search of answers. Murder, love, sex, truth, beauty ... the inquisition must begin. Few corners of a man's mind and soul are left unexplored in this black comedy.

The book is a real blast! Very enjoyable. --Tariq Goddard, award-winning author of *Dynamo* and *Homage to a Firing Squad*... fitfully funny ... --Kirkus s Laced with acidic wit, delivered in stunningly elegant prose ... a great novel. --newlondonwriters.com About the Author Born in 1954 in London of mixed Scottish and English parentage, Timothy Balding grew up and was educated on a British military base in Germany. He left school and his family at the age of sixteen to return alone to the United Kingdom, where he was hired as a reporter on local newspapers in Reading in the county of Berkshire. For the ensuing decade, he worked on local and regional titles and then at Press Association, the national news agency, covering politics in Westminster, the British Parliament. He exiled himself to Paris, France, in 1980, and spent the next thirty years working for international, non-governmental organizations. For twenty-five of these, he was Chief Executive Officer of the World Association of Newspapers, the representative global group of media publishers and editors, established after World War II to defend the freedom and independence of the press worldwide. A Knight (First Class) in the Order of the White Rose of Finland - an honor accorded him by Nobel Peace laureate Martti Ahtisaari, former Finnish President - Timothy Balding currently lives between France and Spain and devotes himself to writing. *Homo Conscius* is his first novel.