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## Sacks, Oliver. An Anthropologist on Mars.

Neurologist and practicing physician Oliver Sacks has written nearly a dozen popular books on the unusual functions of the human mind and, in doing so, has given us new insights into what constitutes humanness. *An Anthropologist on Mars* is one of my favorite books of essays by Sacks. This is a collection of seven essays, including an essay about a painter who loses all sense of color after an accident and a narrative about Temple Grandin?from which the title is derived. One of my favorite essays in the collection is about a highly regarded surgeon who is consumed by the compulsive tics of Tourette's Syndrome unless he is operating. Oliver Sacks? books are thought-provoking, entertaining, and inspiring. Read this one if you haven?t read it already. And you can look forward to his new book, *Hallucinations*, which is due out this coming fall.

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