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Modes of Knowing: Autism, Fiction, and Second-person Perspectives

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The rapid, perplexing increase in the incidence of autism has led to a correlative increase in research on it. The most salient feature of autism is now thought to be its severe impairment in what psychologists call 'social cognition', or what some philosophers call 'mindreading', namely, the knowledge of persons and their mental states. New insights in developmental psychology and neurobiology about the knowledge of persons illuminates the nature of a second-person experience or perspective, and these results are in turn highly suggestive for the philosophy of art. A fiction – that is, a story, play, or film – can be thought of as a second-person account, making available to an audience a real or imagined set of second-person experiences.

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