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*'When we understand consciousness...consciousness will be different'*

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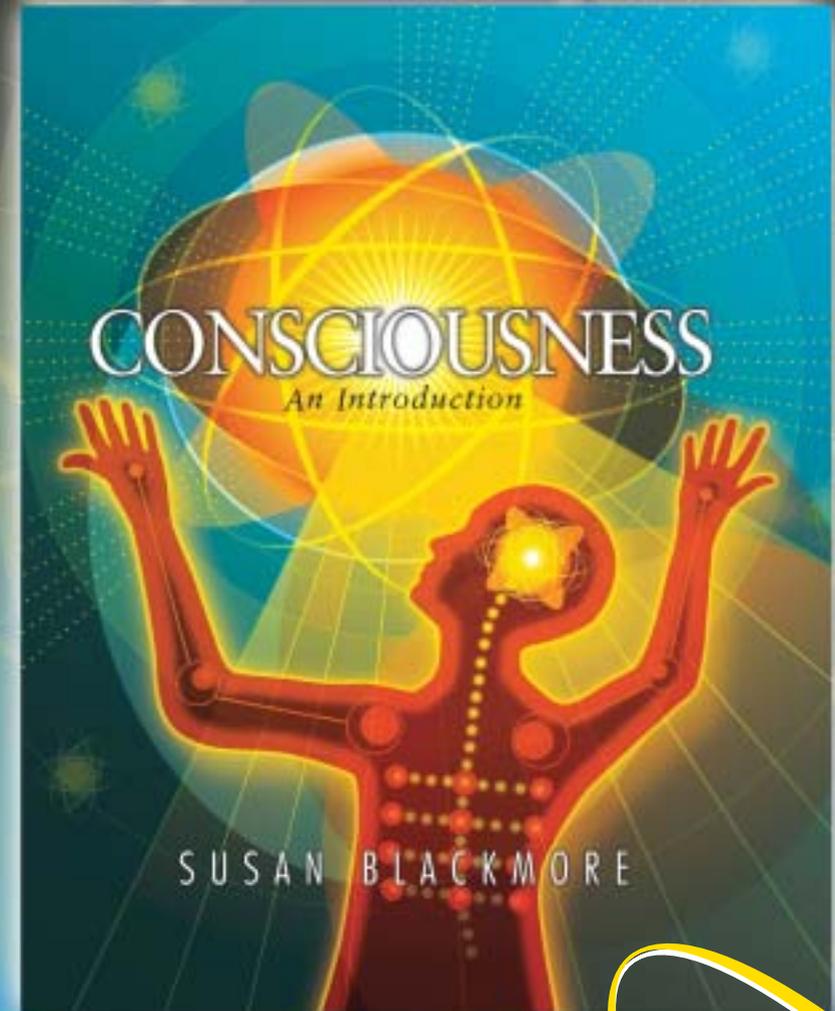
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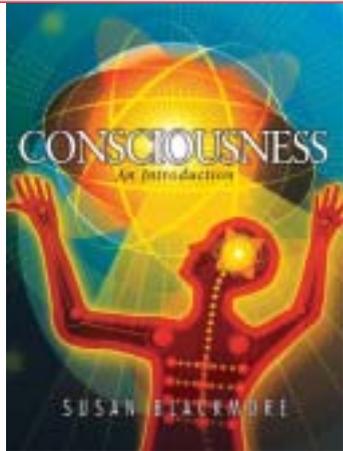
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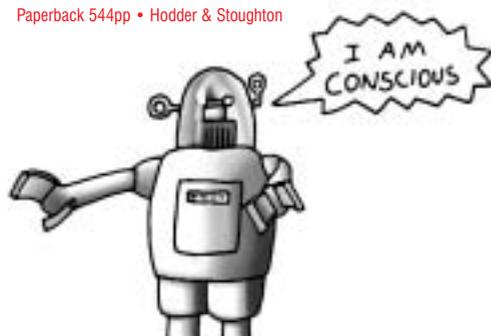
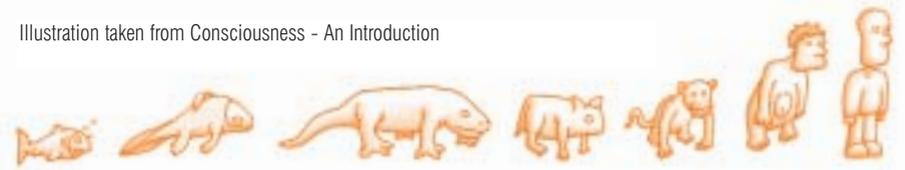


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### About Susan Blackmore

After gaining one of the first PhDs in parapsychology in Britain, Sue Blackmore became increasingly sceptical of all paranormal claims and eventually abandoned the subject.

For 10 years she was a lecturer in psychology at the University of the West of England, Bristol, and taught consciousness courses both there and at the University of Bristol. She has written an autobiography, as well as books on out-of-body and near death experiences, and her controversial bestseller *The Meme Machine* (OUP, 1999) has been translated into ten languages.