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Over and beyond giving an overview of history and clinical appearance of apraxia the book explores the philosophical fundaments that underlie definitions, classifications, and theories of apraxia. Goldenberg argues that they are ultimately grounded in a mind versus body dichotomy that appears as opposition between high and low or, respectively, cognitive and motor levels of action control. By relating history and modern evidence to perennial philosophical problems the book transgresses the topic of apraxia and touches the fundaments of cognitive neuroscience.

This book will make fascinating reading for those in the fields of neuroscience, neurology, neuropsychology, and developmental psychology

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