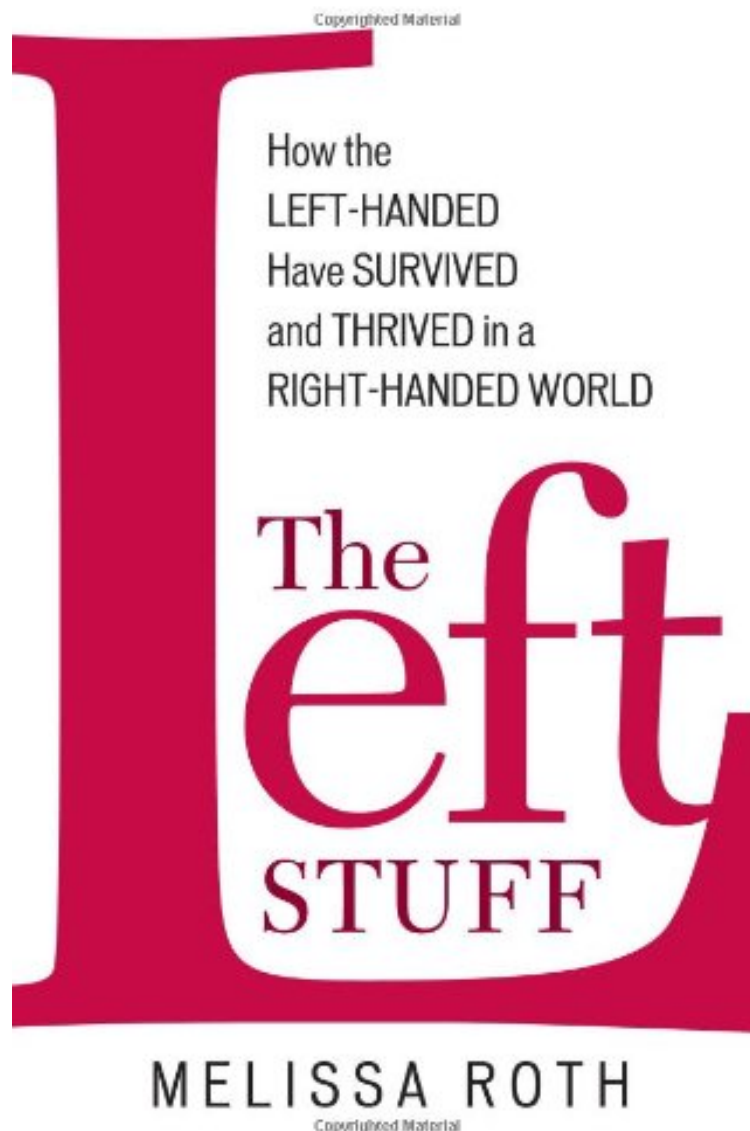


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I changed 5 stars to 4 when I reached THIS ...By K GLADSTONEI have been planning to give five stars to this book until the moment that I saw Ms. Roth had misdescribed one of the sources she quotes (early 19th-century Scottish poet James Hogg, known to his readers as "the Ettrick Shepherd" from his birth-town and his first career) as being "an Englishmen [sic] named Ettrick Shepherd" writing in medieval times.") Making three errors (of name, place, and time) in one sentence is reason enough to assign only four stars. Please, Ms. Roth in your next edition, correct your triple slip: it shows badly. Almost as bad is something that would have further lowered my review to 3 1/2 stars if permitted fractional stars Ms. Ruth's odd misrepresentation of the Biblical tribe of Benjamin (which counted 700 left-handed slingshot experts among its 26,000 fighting men) as being composed \_solely\_ of those 700 left-handers! (The source she's misrepresenting there is Judges 20:15-16). This, too, should be fixed as should the hefty sprinkling of smaller typos throughout the book: deeply unfortunately in a work that should have deserved five stars because of the wealth of actually good, worthwhile, and seldom-seen information it provides: \_most\_ of which is provided correctly.)20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. For the leftiesBy Lauren KawaguchiI'm not a lefty, I just know some. If you're a lefty, know a lefty, or just want to know what's up with them, this is a good book and a fun, educational read. The science is pared down enough so that just about anyone can handle it- it will only alienate really non-science people, as well as really hard-core scientists (who will find it dumbed down). For the majority, it's scientific enough without being overwhelming, and has plenty of fun facts, history, and name-dropping to make righties think twice about their superiority.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great readBy David RossThis is the perfect combination of entertaining reading and serious insights. The author not only writes extremely well, she is the consummate researcher who has built upon the research of many others. I'm righty-tighty myself, but, as this books shows...who knows?

Weaving cultural history and scientific exploration together, *The Left Stuff* takes you on an adventure to discover the truth about why humans choose one hand over the other. From high-tech neuroscience labs to the rain forests of Africa to the bullpens of Major League Baseball, journalist Melissa Roth investigates how societies and genetics encourage us to choose sides. *The Left Stuff* gets to the heart of why humans are predominantly right-handed-and why a stubborn minority has persevered against the weight of history and the forces of evolution. Fascinating, provocative, and insightful, this book is a well-crafted and engaging narrative of how modern science has put the power of understanding in the palms of our hands.

*The Left Stuff* is fascinating and insightful. After reading it, you may find yourself more confused about whether you're right- or left-handed, but you'll have learned a lot about yourself and the incredible entity that is your brain. (Grand Rapids Press)