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Phantoms in the Brain by Sandra Blakeslee, V. S. Ramachandran, narrated by Neil Shah. Neuroscientist V. S. Ramachandran is internationally renowned for uncovering answers to the deep and quirky questions of human nature that few scientists have dared to address. His bold insights about the brain are matched only by the stunning simplicity of his experiments—using such low-tech tools such as cotton swabs, glasses of water, and dime-store mirrors. Dr. Ramachandran's inspired medical detective work pushes the boundaries of medicine's last great frontier—the human mind—yielding new and provocative insights into the "big questions" about consciousness and the self. *Phantoms in the Brain*. Other books by Sandra Blakeslee *Second Chances* (with Judith Wallerstein, Ph.D.) *The Good Marriage* (with Judith Wallerstein, Ph.D.) *Probing the Mysteries of the Human Mind*. V.S. Ramachandran, M.D., Ph.D., and Sandra Blakeslee. WILLIAM MORROW AND COMPANY, INC. New York. The great neurologists and psychiatrists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were masters of description, and some of their case histories provided an almost novelistic richness of detail. Silas Weir Mitchell—who was a novelist as well as a neurologist—provided unforgettable descriptions of the phantom limbs (or "sensory ghosts," as he first called them) in soldiers who had been injured on the battlefields of the Civil War. Purchased this to understand how the mind can make you feel phantom pains in non-existing limbs. Very detailed but fairly easy to understand. I had no idea the sense of feeling was so complicated and so many pathways existed to determine touch etc. This hasn't turned out to be a cure for phantom limbs but more of a hint to their nature and whereabouts in the brain and within the human condition. Ramachandran lightheartedly mentions how patients have been dispatched with magic black boxes of their own to work with for 20 minutes a day to relieve the discomfort of a phantom limb. *Phantoms in the Brain*: Pr has been added to your Cart. Add to Cart. Buy Used. One of the world's foremost brain researchers, he has received many scientific honors, including a gold medal from the Australian National University and a fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford. He gave the "Decade of the Brain" lecture at the Silver Jubilee meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, and his work has been featured in major media. He lives with his family in Del Mar, California. Sandra Blakeslee is an award-winning science writer for *The New York Times*. He has a great sense of humor and a brilliant scientific mind. Read more. Helpful. Includes bibliographical references (pages 299-313) and index. DSU Title III 2007-2012. 1. *The Phantom Within* -- 2. "Knowing Where to Scratch" -- 3. *Chasing the Phantom* -- 4. *The Zombie in the Brain* -- 5. *The Secret Life of James Thurber* -- 6. *Through the Looking Glass* -- 7. *The Sound of One Hand Clapping* -- 8. "The Unbearable Likeness of Being" -- 9. *God and the Limbic System* -- 10. *The Woman Who Died Laughing* -- 11. "You Forgot to Deliver the Twin" -- 12. *Do Martians See Red?*