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This book, the seventh in the *Counterpoints* series, is about the ways in which cognitive and emotional processes interact. Professors Gordon Bower, Joseph Forgas, John Kihlstrom, and Paula Niedenthal took primary responsibility for writing the three major chapters that form the core of this book. In addition, they provided thoughtful and revealing answers to a long list of questions—some specific, others general—that I pose in the concluding chapter. It has been a privilege to work with all of them and a pleasure to acknowledge their invaluable contributions to this book.

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