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PART I

HOW *the* BRAIN
LEARNED *to* READ

Words and music are the tracks of human evolution.

—JOHN S. DUNNE

*Knowing how something originated often is
the best clue to how it works.*

—TERRENCE DEACON