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naturalist, historian of science, and
author. Born in Britain, and mostly

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educated there, he spent his career in the United States. He believed that the brain is the "most incredible thing in the universe". He became widely known for writing best-selling case histories about both his patients' and his own disorders ...

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