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Subject: Re: Slow Around Here

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2005 21:24:24 GMT

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Mark Hadfield writes:

- > No. I have a few (well at least 2) of his recent books: "The Blank
- > Slate" and "How the Mind Works". "Words and Rules" sounds like SP in his
- > specialist area, linguistics. When was it published?

Published in 1999, so it is an earlier work. Those other two are on my "Best Books Ever Read" list, for sure. In fact, I tucked my copy of "The Blank Slate" into my oldest son's suitcase on his way to Munich and told him he \*had\* to read it. He made the mistake of doing so just before his girlfriend came for a visit and I guess got into a bit of trouble with his constant quoting of "Steven Pinker said this" and "Steven Pinker said that." Apparently Laura could care less if she \*ever\* hears of Steven Pinker again! But I know how it is, I do the same thing for weeks after reading one of his books. :-)

- > From your recent posts and ramblings-disguised-as-posts, I deduce you
- > are suffering from a severe case of cabin fever. When does the tennis
- > season start?

I don't know what you are talking about ("ramblings-disguised-as-posts, indeed!). Thanks to our esteemed leader and his policy of go-it-alone diplomacy, we can waste as much energy as we like, and the only result (apparently) is balmy temperatures year-round in Colorado. It's been pretty much mid-50s (Fahrenheit) here all winter, and I've been playing tennis nearly every day. (Certainly more than I wish my lovely wife to know about.) I've become a great believer in global warming and all its attendant benefits. :-)

Cheers,

David

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