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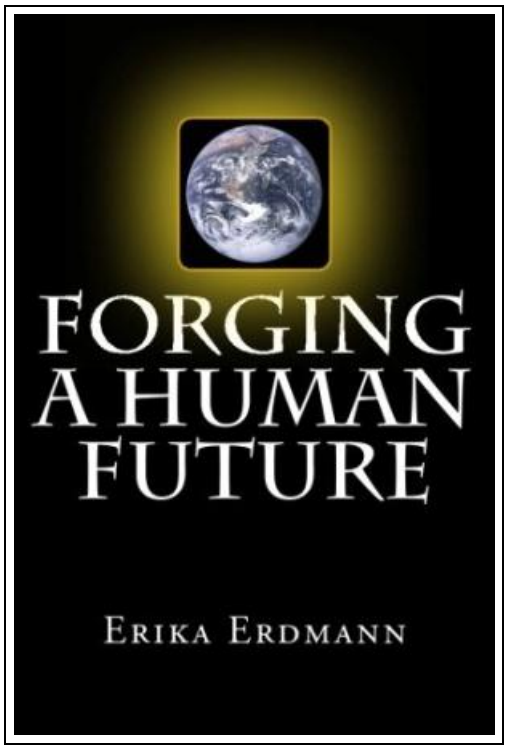

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Rock s Mills Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The blind forces of evolution brought us this far, but the future is our own to forge. So concludes writer, researcher, and humanist Erika Erdmann in Forging a Human Future. In this remarkable collection of essays, Erdmann draws on the work of renowned split-brain theorist Roger Sperry and many other thinkers, including Ervin Laszlo, Jonas Salk, Ralph Burhoe, E.O. Wilson, James Watson, and Eric Chaisson, as she considers how we can work together to create a future both human and humane. The book s early chapters examine the key concepts of emergence and downward causation. Once science takes these ideas into account, a far richer and more meaningful description of the world becomes possible: a description that goes beyond reductionism to leave room for the arts and humanities as well as ensuring a causal role for human consciousness. Later essays consider the evolution of human nature, the key problems facing society today, and promising new ways of looking at the world that may lead to a rapprochement between reason and emotion. Only with such a reconciliation, Erdmann argues, can we forge a future both human and humane. For in a world threatened by environmental degradation, resource depletion, overpopulation, and nuclear proliferation, neither love nor reason alone are enough. Only a successful fusion of the two can ensure humanity s survival. During her long life, Erika Erdmann worked and corresponded with many of the world s top thinkers and researchers in the areas of futurism, neuroscience, and evolutionary theory. For more than a decade she served as Nobel laureate Roger Sperry s library researcher. She also carried out an extensive survey of attitudes toward the future...

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