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Maryanne Wolf has done it again. She has written another seminal book destined to become a dog-eared, well-thumbed, often-referenced treasure on your bookshelf. Wolf weaves her background in neuroscience, education, literature, and technology into a thoughtful exploration of various complex issues related to the reading brain.

In her newest book, *Reader Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World*, Wolf challenges her readers to read and think deeply about, well, reading and thinking deeply.

Wolf outlines her concerns about changes in the brain as it adapts to digital mediums. Some of her thought-provoking questions include:

- Will the next generation, immersed in multitasking and digital mediums, learn to develop slower and essential cognitive processes such as critical thinking, reflection, and empathy - all parts of deep reading?
- Will the seemingly continuous demands for our attention and immediate access to voluminous information change the development of personal storehouses of knowledge and affect our ability to make analogies, draw inferences, and arrive at independent judgments?
- Will the chain of digital influences ultimately impact critical analysis and empathy in our citizenscore requirements of a democracy and will potential changes in these capacities leave us more susceptible to fake news and demagoguery?

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- Simulation: What does it feel like to have learning differences?



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