'A fascinating study to remind us, yet again, just how closely related we other apes, especially the amazing bonobo.'

DESMOND MORRIS

'Animal lovers have always argued that our fellow creatures can think and indeed can "almost talk"—while traditional scientists poured scorn. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh is a fine scientist and her remarkable studies with bonobos—"pygmy chimps"—now show that the animal lovers were right all along. An excellent book.'

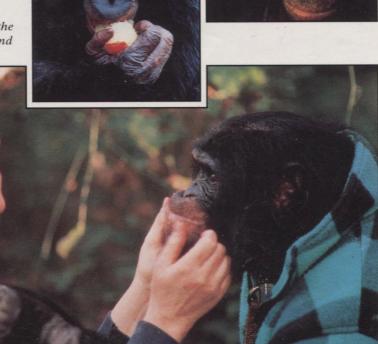
COLIN TUDGE

I was hesitant to believe what I knew I was seeing. Not only was Kanzi using the keyboard as a means of communicating, he also knew what the symbols meant – in spite of the fact that his mother had never learned them. For example, one of the first

things he did that morning was to activate 'apple', then 'chase'. He then picked up an apple, looked at me, and ran away with a play grin on his face. Several times he hit food keys, and when I took him to the refrigerator, he selected those foods he'd indicated on the keyboard. Kanzi was using specific lexigrams

to request and name items, and to announce his intention – all important symbol skills that we had not recognized that Kanzi possessed.

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