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Some of the gestures described are no longer commonly used, although they would have been used decades ago. While we have all been exposed to the idea that man was the original hunter, while the female was the food gatherer, it is a bit insulting that the author still describes that present day man in the role of the hunter as he is still providing for his family by going to work and chasing after solutions and contracts. The physical exertions of hunting can be found in sporting activities. The present day woman is still the food gather, as she hunts for food in the grocery stores.

When women and children engage in sports, it is considered to be a popular pastime. If women currently have a more active role in the business world and sports, does that mean that the perception of the evolution of man as a hunter may be flawed? For those readers who are open to different possibilities, I would suggest they read the Descent of Women by Elaine Morgan. This book suggests the equal role of women in human evolution. Feb 10, Denise Connolly Connolly rated it it was amazing. Really interesting book, read staggered and intermittently and can read chapters out of sync when fully engaged to gain valuable knowledge of universal human body language. So many things in this book I never would have realized until the writer describes i. Have gone back to this book repeatedly over the last few years and Really interesting book, read staggered and intermittently and can read chapters out of sync when fully engaged to gain valuable knowledge of universal human body language.

Have gone back to this book repeatedly over the last few years and still picking up information that I missed last time around. One to keep for sure. Before the motivational speaker with his and her pretence of knowing body language, before Joe Braysich, before Allan Pease, before me! You have to take your hat off to someone who dedicated his time and studies to helping us get on with each other, understand each other and to stop looking and acting like apes. This felt very much like a TV series tie-in which I assume it was and wasn't necessarily particularly 'in depth', but Morris did make this a very approachable introduction to sociology - talking about cultural differences, gender differences, and a variety of other areas in the context of subtle signals and gestures etc.

Interesting stuff, but only a primer to the subject. One of my favourite books on the behaviour of the human animal. The best section for me was the chapter on religion, which explained to my 13 year old mind the first time I read the book why man invented religion. I borrowed the original version from the library, and purchased this version a few years later. Mar 21, Sandi Mann added it. Bought it in April and have tried very hard since then to finish it. Exhaustive study of human body language. Who knew there were so many gestures in common between distant cultures. A super interesting and informative read. I will have to re-read sometime again. View all 3 comments. Feb 06, Ash rated it really liked it. TL;DR Great book about human body language. Bit sciency, not my taste. Still enjoyed reading the mammoth sized book. Took a while as I prefer fiction. Would recommend. As a kid I enjoyed reading textbooks and devouring information that almost seemed useless, yet lo and behold: here I was reading what could really pass as a university level textbook again.

But this time, the book was about me. Let me clarify, Peoplewatching is more a book about the detailed history, and study of human behavior, movement, and most importantly play. You can read the book for yourself to dive into chapters that detail the evolutionary traits that humans exhibit in our everyday activities and hobbies. What caught my attention is that this book is exactly what the title is about. There are some parts where the age of the text does show, and in some cases as a guy myself I felt at odds with some of the selections in the book.