



**Arboretum / By David Byrne / McSweeney's Books / \$24 /** David Byrne's new book of mental maps and musings explores such hard-hitting topics as kissing, as well as the correlations between foie gras and poor workmanship, nimbus clouds and onanism.

At the risk of employing a facile metaphor, one's mental space is akin to an arboretum: Some thoughts are deciduous, changing with outside influence; some are coniferous, fixed and unyielding. David Byrne's thoughts are neither, really, and that's a good thing. In this book, Byrne the visual artist explores his mental space in a series of amusing renderings that look a lot like trees and contain the same wit and wonder his fans have long revered. [www.mcsweeney.net](http://www.mcsweeney.net)

