Illusions: Colors Out of Space

This is the soft article in the Mind Matters series on the neuroscience behind visual illusions.

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Picasso's color spreading

This painting by Picasso shows that coloring within the lines is unnecessary. Livingston notes that our brains assign the colors to the correct shapes even though the shapes are depicted minimally with sparsely drawn lines.

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