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Princeton University Press is delighted to extend its warmest congratulations to P. James E. Peebles, joint winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics. We have had the honor of being his publisher since 1972, working with him on such landmark titles as *Principles of Physical Cosmology* and *Large-Scale Structure of the Universe*. Here, we are thrilled to announce the publication of his newest book, forthcoming in 2020: *Cosmology's Century*, his insider's history of the field from Einstein to our modern era. It leads off a wonderful list of titles in physics and astronomy that we are proud to present, and which we hope you will enjoy discovering in the pages that follow.

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"An inspiring history of cosmic ideas." —Joseph Silk, author of *The Infinite Cosmos: Questions from the Frontiers of Cosmology*

"Peebles offers a broad and deep description of cosmology, presenting the history of the field as well as many of the side turns, dead ends, and wrong paths that researchers explored along the way. I really enjoyed reading this book." —David W. Hogg, New York University

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Cosmology's Century

From Nobel Prize-winning physicist P. J. E. Peebles, the story of cosmology from Einstein to today

Modern cosmology began a century ago with Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity and his notion of a homogenous, philosophically satisfying cosmos. *Cosmology's Century* is the story of how generations of scientists built on these thoughts and many new measurements to arrive at a well-tested physical theory of the structure and evolution of our expanding universe.

In this landmark book, one of the world's most esteemed theoretical cosmologists offers an unparalleled personal perspective on how the field developed. P. J. E. Peebles was at the forefront of many of the greatest discoveries of the past century, making fundamental contributions to our understanding of the presence of helium and microwave radiation from the hot big bang, the measures of the distribution and motion of ordinary matter, and the new kind of dark matter that allows us to make sense of these results. Taking readers from the field's beginnings, Peebles describes how scientists working in independent directions found themselves converging on a theory of cosmic evolution interesting enough to warrant the rigorous testing it passes so well. He explores the major advances-some inspired by remarkable insights or perhaps just lucky guesses—as well as the wrong turns taken and the roads not explored. He shares recollections from major players in this story and provides a rare, inside look at how natural science is really done.

A monumental work, *Cosmology's Century* also emphasizes where the present theory is incomplete, suggesting exciting directions for continuing research.

P. J. E. PEEBLES is a Nobel Prize–winning physicist and the author of *Principles of Physical Cosmology*, *Quantum Mechanics*, and *Physical Cosmology* (all Princeton). He is the Albert Einstein Professor of Science Emeritus in the Department of Physics at Princeton University.

June 2020. 400 pages. 16 color + 33 b/w illus. 3 tables. Hardback 9780691196022 \$35.00 | £30.00 E-book 9780691201665



"So much science packed into such a tiny package! Jim Al-Khalili manages to give an accessible overview of an enormous amount of modern physics, without it ever feeling rushed. This book will be enjoyed by anyone who wants a glimpse of how modern physicists are thinking about some of the hardest problems in the universe."

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-Ian Stewart, author of *Do Dice Play God?*

The World According to Physics

Quantum physicist, *New York Times* bestselling author, and BBC host Jim Al-Khalili offers a fascinating and illuminating look at what physics reveals about the world

Shining a light on the most profound insights revealed by modern physics, Jim Al-Khalili invites us all to understand what this crucially important science tells us about the universe and the nature of reality itself.

Al-Khalili begins by introducing the fundamental concepts of space, time, energy, and matter, and then describes the three pillars of modern physics-quantum theory, relativity, and thermodynamics—showing how all three must come together if we are ever to have a full understanding of reality. Using wonderful examples and thought-provoking analogies, Al-Khalili illuminates the physics of the extreme cosmic and quantum scales, the speculative frontiers of the field, and the physics that underpins our everyday experiences and technologies, bringing the reader up to speed with the biggest ideas in physics in just a few sittings. Physics is revealed as an intrepid human quest for ever more foundational principles that accurately explain the natural world we see around us, an undertaking guided by core values such as honesty and doubt in the search for truth. The knowledge discovered by physics both empowers and humbles us, and still, physics continues to delve valiantly into the unknown.

Making even the most enigmatic scientific ideas accessible and captivating, this deeply insightful book illuminates why physics matters to everyone and calls one and all to share in the profound adventure of seeking truth in the world around us.

JIM AL-KHALILI is professor of physics at the University of Surrey. He is one of Britain's best-known science communicators and has written numerous books, including *Quantum: A Guide for the Perplexed; The House of Wisdom: How Arabic Science Saved Ancient Knowledge and Gave Us the Renaissance;* and *Life on the Edge: The Coming of Age of Quantum Biology.* He is a fellow of the Royal Society.

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"Hand humanizes the science behind the search for life on icy worlds in our solar system and beyond." —Gordon Southam, University of Queensland

Alien Oceans

Where is the best place to find life beyond Earth? We often look to Mars as the most promising site in our solar system, but recent scientific missions have revealed that some of the most habitable real estate may actually lie farther away. Beneath the frozen crusts of several of the small, ice-covered moons of Jupiter and Saturn lurk vast oceans that may have been in existence for as long as Earth, and together may contain more than fifty times its total volume of liquid water. Could there be organisms living in their depths? *Alien Oceans* reveals the science behind the thrilling quest to find out.

KEVIN PETER HAND is a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he has served as deputy chief scientist for solar system exploration and is leading an effort to land a spacecraft on the surface of Europa. He has helped lead expeditions to the glaciers of Kilimanjaro, the Dry Valleys of Antarctica, and the sea ice of the North Pole.



January 2020. 344 pages. 6 b/w illus. 6 tables. Hardback 9780691182377 \$29.95 | £25.00 E-book 9780691198859 Audiobook 9780691199177

"David Hand shines a bright light onto the dark corners of statistics. This is a learned book but a witty, readable, and important one." —Tim Harford, author of *Fifty Inventions That Shaped the Modern Economy*

Dark Data

In the era of big data, it is easy to imagine that we have all the information we need to make good decisions. But in fact the data we have are never complete, and may be only the tip of the iceberg. Just as much of the universe is composed of dark matter, invisible to us but nonetheless present, the universe of information is full of dark data that we overlook at our peril. In *Dark Data*, data expert David Hand takes us on a fascinating and enlightening journey into the world of the data we *don't* see.

DAVID J. HAND is emeritus professor of mathematics and senior research investigator at Imperial College London, a former president of the Royal Statistical Society, and a fellow of the British Academy.



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Nano Comes to Life

Nano Comes to Life opens a window onto the nanoscale—the infinitesimal realm of proteins and DNA where physics and cellular and molecular biology meet—and introduces readers to the rapidly evolving nanotechnologies that are allowing us to manipulate the very building blocks of life. Sonia Contera gives an insider's perspective on this new frontier, revealing how nanotechnology enables a new kind of multidisciplinary science that is poised to give us control over our own biology, our health, and our lives.

SONIA CONTERA is professor of biological physics in the Department of Physics at the University of Oxford and one of today's leading nanotech pioneers.



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Living Matter is a call to arms for readers to see biophysics as the next frontier of physics, one that has potentially wide-ranging consequences for science and technology."

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The frontiers of physics can seem impossibly remote located in the invisible quantum realm or the farthest reaches of the cosmos. But one of physics' most exciting frontiers lies much closer than we realize: within our own bodies and other living organisms, which display astonishingly intricate structural patterns and dynamic processes that we don't yet understand. In *Living Matter*, leading biophysicist Alex Levine explains why unraveling the mysteries of life may ultimately demand a new physics—one that takes full account of the fundamental differences between living and nonliving matter.

ALEX J. LEVINE is director of the Center for Biological Physics at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he is also a professor in the departments of chemistry and biochemistry, physics and astronomy, and biomathematics.



March 2020. 528 pages. 332 color illus. + 183 b/w illus. Hardback 9780691191058 \$49.95 | £42.00

"This pathbreaking study is daring, innovative, and above all, clearly written.... Art historians don't know enough about science; scientists don't know enough about art. Miraculously, probably uniquely, Lynn Gamwell seems equally at home in both areas." —Robert Rosenblum, author of *Transformations in Late Eighteenth Century Art*

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Welcome to the Universe: The Problem Book 2017. 264 pages. 14 b/w illus. Paperback. 9780691177816 \$35.00 | £30.00 Hardback. 9780691177809 \$65.00 | £54.00 E-book. 9781400888993





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MARTIN REES is Astronomer Royal, and has been Master of Trinity College and Director of the Institute of Astronomy at Cambridge University.

The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

With a companion essay by ROBBERT DIJKGRAAF

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The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge

A forty-year tightening of funding for scientific research has meant that resources are increasingly directed toward applied or practical outcomes, with the intent of creating products of immediate value. In such a scenario, it makes sense to focus on the most identifiable and urgent problems, right? Actually, it doesn't. In his classic essay "The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge," Abraham Flexner describes a great paradox of scientific research. The search for answers to deep questions, motivated solely by curiosity and without concern for applications, often leads not only to the greatest scientific discoveries but also to the most revolutionary technological breakthroughs. In short, no quantum mechanics, no computer chips.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER (1866–1959) was the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Study. ROBBERT DIJKGRAAF is director and Leon Levy Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study.



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Astronomers have been studying the heavens for thousands of years, but until recently much of the cosmos has been invisible to the human eye. Launched in 2003, the Spitzer Space Telescope has brought the infrared universe into focus as never before. Michael Werner and Peter Eisenhardt are among the scientists who worked for decades to bring this historic mission to life. Here is their inside story of how *Spitzer* continues to carry out cutting-edge infrared astronomy to help answer fundamental questions that have intrigued humankind since time immemorial: Where did we come from? How did the universe evolve? Are we alone?

MICHAEL WERNER is a senior research scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. **PETER EISENHARDT** is a senior research scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.



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Totally Random

Measure two entangled particles separately, and the outcomes are totally random. But compare the outcomes, and the particles seem as if they are instantaneously influencing each other at a distance—even if they are light-years apart. This, in a nutshell, is entanglement, and if it seems weird, then this book is for you. *Totally Random* is a graphic experiential narrative that unpacks the deep and insidious significance of the curious correlation between entangled particles to deliver a gut-feel glimpse of a world that is not what it seems.

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Scientists in the past few decades have made crucial discoveries about how our cosmos evolved over the past 13.8 billion years. But there remains a critical gap in our knowledge: we still know very little about what happened in the first seconds after the Big Bang. *At the Edge of Time* focuses on what we have recently learned and are still striving to understand about this most essential and mysterious period of time at the beginning of cosmic history.

DAN HOOPER is a senior scientist and the head of the Theoretical Astrophysics Group at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Chicago. He is the author of *Dark Cosmos* and *Nature's Blueprint* (both Smithsonian/Harper Collins).



April 2020. 152 pages. 9 color + 13 b/w illus. 1 table. Hardback 9780691195780 \$19.95 | £16.99 E-book 9780691201696

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The Little Book of Cosmology

The Little Book of Cosmology provides a breathtaking look at our universe on the grandest scales imaginable. Written by one of the world's leading experimental cosmologists, this short but deeply insightful book describes what scientists are revealing through precise measurements of the faint thermal afterglow of the big bang—known as the cosmic microwave background, or CMB—and how their findings are transforming our view of the cosmos.

LYMAN PAGE is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of Physics at Princeton University. He is the coeditor of *Finding the Big Bang*.



2010. 184 pages. 21 b/w illus. Hardback 9780691142890 \$19.95 | £16.99 E-book 9781400834433

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STEVEN S. GUBSER (1972–2019) was professor of physics at Princeton University.

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The Cosmic Cocktail is the inside story of the epic quest to solve one of the most compelling enigmas of modern science—what is the universe made of ? told by one of today's foremost pioneers in the study of dark matter. Many cosmologists believe we are on the verge of solving the mystery. Katherine Freese provides the foundation needed to fully fathom this epochal moment in humankind's quest to understand the universe.

KATHERINE FREESE is director of Nordita, the Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics, in Stockholm, and professor of physics at the University of Michigan.



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"Jeremiah Ostriker and science historian Simon Mitton seamlessly blend historical narrative with lucid scientific explication, from the deeps of classical time to the data-fuelled hyperdrive of the past 50 years."—*Nature*

Heart of Darkness

Heart of Darkness describes the incredible saga of humankind's quest to unravel the deepest secrets of the universe. Over the past thirty years, scientists have learned that two little-understood components—dark matter and dark energy—comprise most of the known cosmos, explain the growth of all cosmic structure, and hold the key to the universe's fate. The story of how evidence for the so-called "Lambda-Cold Dark Matter" model of cosmology has been gathered by generations of scientists throughout the world is told here by one of the pioneers of the field, Jeremiah Ostriker, and his coauthor Simon Mitton.

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ALAN P. LIGHTMAN, WILLIAM H. PRESS, RICHARD H. PRICE & SAUL A. TEUKOLSKY

2017. 616 pages. Paperback 9780691177786 \$49.95 | £42.00



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"A must-read for any aspiring biophysicists." —Angie Ma, *Contemporary Physics*

Biophysics

Interactions between the fields of physics and biology reach back over a century, and some of the most significant developments in biology—from the discovery of DNA's structure to imaging of the human brain—have involved collaboration across this disciplinary boundary. For a new generation of physicists, the phenomena of life pose exciting challenges to physics itself, and biophysics has emerged as an important subfield of this discipline. Here, William Bialek provides the first graduate-level introduction to biophysics aimed at physics students.

WILLIAM BIALEK is the John Archibald Wheeler/ Battelle Professor in Physics at Princeton University, where he is also a member of the multidisciplinary Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, and is Visiting Presidential Professor of Physics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.



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Students in the physical and life sciences, and in engineering, need to know about the physics and biology of light. Recently, it has become increasingly clear that an understanding of the quantum nature of light is essential, both for the latest imaging technologies and to advance our knowledge of fundamental life processes, such as photosynthesis and human vision. From Photon to Neuron provides undergraduates with an accessible introduction to the physics of light and offers a unified view of a broad range of optical and biological phenomena. Along the way, this richly illustrated textbook builds the necessary background in neuroscience, photochemistry, and other disciplines, with applications to optogenetics, superresolution microscopy, the single-photon response of individual photoreceptor cells, and more.

PHILIP NELSON is professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania.



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A Student's Guide to Python for Physical Modeling

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JESSE M. KINDER is assistant professor of physics at the Oregon Institute of Technology. PHILIP NELSON is professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania.

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EDWARD L. ROBINSON is the William B. Blakemore II Regents Professor of Astronomy at the University of Texas, Austin.

2016. 408 pages. 96 b/w illus. 7 tables. Hardback 9780691169927 \$75.00 | £62.00

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The Molecular Switch **Rob Phillips**

SIGNALING AND ALLOSTERY

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