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What Is Science? A Guide For Those Who Love It, Hate It, Or Fear It 2021-03-24

what is science a guide for those who love it hate it or fear it provides the reader with ways science has been done through discovery exploration experimentation and other reason based approaches it discusses the basic and applied sciences the reasons why some people hate science especially its rejection of the supernatural and others who fear it for human applications leading to environmental degradation climate change nuclear war and other outcomes of sciences applied to society the author uses anecdotes from interviews and associations with many scientists he has encountered in his career to illustrate these features of science and their personalities and habits of thinking or work he also explores the culture wars of science and the humanities values involved in doing science and applying science the need for preventing unexpected outcomes of applied science and the ways our world view changes through the insights of science this book will provide teachers lots of material for discussion about science and its significance in our lives it will also be helpful for those starting out their interest in science to know the worst and best features of science as they develop their careers

Scientific Literacy and the Myth of the Scientific Method 1992

what is science is social science a science why are more and more so called scientific discoveries being exposed as outright frauds henry bauer tackles these and many more intriguing questions that are emerging from within the academic and scientific communities and attracting attention from the popular media and the general public whether one is a specialist or generalist scientist or humanist thinker or activist it is important to understand the place of science and technology in modern life popular views about the nature of science and scientific activity contain serious misconceptions that were discarded decades ago by most historians and philosophers of science the perpetuation of these misconceptions usually surface in the form of frustrating and unproductive discussions about everything from setting policy and defining technical matters to whether one individual s point of view is right because it is supported by scientific facts according to bauer the most serious and widespread misconceptions are that science can be discussed as though all sciences share a great deal in common and as though the scientific

method characterizes all sciences science argues bauer can be understood only if one recognizes it as a quest by fallible human beings who have evolved ways of interacting that help them gain relatively objective knowledge in other words science is a social activity not simply the result of impersonal methods concern has recently arisen over the quality of american education and our declining scientific and research orientation debates are emerging about what direction public universities should be taking as we head into the twenty fist century why and to what extent should society support basic scientific research what should everyone in a democratic society know about science this book will help readers come to an informed understanding about the place of science and technology in today s world provocative bauer argues that science does not proceed by the scientific method if it did experiments would inspire hypotheses which would then be tested until they generated reliable theories as watson and crick s work on dna shows an elegant idea is often a headier lure than mere facts newsweek sound sensible and very easy to read i would strongly recommend this book to anyone who hasn t yet heard that the scientific method is a myth science really is and influence their teaching the science teacher

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science 1001 provides clear and concise explanations of the most fundamental and fascinating scientific concepts distilled into 1001 bite sized mini essays arranged thematically this unique reference book moves steadily from the basics through to the most advanced of ideas making it the ideal guide for novices and science enthusiasts whether used as a handy reference an informal self study course or simply as a gratifying dip in this book offers in one volume a world of cutting edge scientific knowledge for the general reader science 1001 is an incredibly comprehensive guide spanning all of the key scientific disciplines including physics chemistry biology the earth space health and medicine social science information science the applied sciences and futurology from newton s elemental laws of motion and the physics of black holes through the fundamental particles of matter to the extraordinary human genome project and the controversial possibilities of cloning and gene therapy dr paul parsons demystifies the key concepts of science in the simplest language and answers its big questions will scientists find a cure for aids how did the universe begin and will we conquer space concluding with an exciting glimpse of what s to come for science from the possibility of time travel to the spectre of transhumanism this really is the only science book you ll ever need

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the unity of science has been a widely discussed issue both in the philosophy of science and within several sciences reductionism has often been seen as the means of bringing the different sciences to a fundamental unity by reference to some basic science but it shows many limitations multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity have also been proposed as methodologies for attaining unity without underestimating the diversity of the sciences this volume starts with a clarification of the possible meanings of this unity and then discusses the features of the mentioned approaches to unity evaluating the success and the shortcomings of the unification programme among different sciences and within a single science

Science and the Scientific Mind 2009-07

this encyclopedia examines all aspects of the history of science in the united states with a special emphasis placed on the historiography of science in america it can be used by students general readers scientists or anyone interested in the facts relating to the development of science in the united states special emphasis is placed in the history of medicine and technology and on the relationship between science and technology and science and

medicine

how does a scientist go about solving problems how do scientific discoveries happen why are cold fusion and parapsychology different from mainstream science what is a scientific worldview in this lively and wide ranging book gregory derry talks about these and other questions as he introduces the reader to the process of scientific thinking from the discovery of x rays and semiconductors to the argument for continental drift to the invention of the smallpox vaccine scientific work has proceeded through honest observation critical reasoning and sometimes just plain luck derry starts out with historical examples leading readers through the events experiments blind alleys and thoughts of scientists in the midst of discovery and invention readers at all levels will come away with an enriched appreciation of how science operates and how it connects with our daily lives an especially valuable feature of this book is the actual demonstration of scientific reasoning derry shows how scientists use a small number of powerful yet simple methods symmetry scaling linearity and feedback for example to construct realistic models that describe a number of diverse real life problems such as drug uptake in the body the inner workings of atoms and the laws of heredity science involves a particular way of thinking about the world and derry shows the reader that a scientific viewpoint can benefit most personal philosophies and fields of study with an eye to both the power and limits of science he explores the relationships between science and topics such as religion ethics and philosophy by tackling the subject of science from all angles including the nuts and bolts of the trade as well as its place in the overall scheme of life the book provides a perfect place to start thinking like a scientist

Problem Of The Unity Of Science, The – Proceedings Of The Annual Meeting Of The International Academy Of The Philosophy Of Science 2001-11-28

this classic mup text discusses the historical development of science technology and medicine in western europe and north america from the renaissance to the present combining theoretical discussion and empirical illustration it redefines the geography of science technology and medicine

History of Science in United States 2012-10-12

the inaugural volume of the series devoted to the work of philosopher adolf grnbaum encompasses the philosophical problems of space time and cosmology the nature of scientific methodology and the foundations of psychoanalysis

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history of science and philosophy of science a primarily interdisciplinary study deals with the historical and philosophical perspectives of science and explores the mutuality of the relations between the two disciplines to present the study in a reader friendly format it has been divided into two parts with the first volume part 6 dedicated to the history of science and the second volume part 7 to the philosophy of science the first volume history of science and philosophy of science a historical perspective of the evolution of ideas in science seeks to present a history of science where science is believed to proceed along with the operation of a number of mechanisms that are instrumental to its growth thus making science a part of a creative culture this part works out the relation not between history and the history of science but between science and the history of science though the volume focuses mainly on physics and mathematics it also includes essays on life sciences and consciousness studies the order of essays is guided not by chronology but by a philosophical interpretation of the development of major reforms and revisions in the field of science both in india and abroad some authors have paid full attention to indian science and its logic while some others have preferred to deal with western science presented in a fairly non technical language and readily accessible even to non specialists these volumes will be of interest to researchers and well informed general readers

What Science Is and How It Works 2002-03-04

this is a really unique book most books about science deal with one topic and they take science seriously but rixta francis has realised that most science is not based on facts but on beliefs and fantasies the book is written in an easy reading non scientific style and it explains about 11 different topics why most science is full of holes and why we should never blindly believe scientists the topics are germs evolution animal intelligence climate change medical research astronomy genes drugs and other medicines archaeology the brain and food this book is not so much meant to educate as to make the readers think for themselves once you have read this book you will never look at science the same way again also suitable as a gift with a hint

Ways of Knowing 2000

The Cosmos of Science 1998-10-01

History of Science and Philosophy of Science: A Historical Perspective of the Evolution of Ideas in Science 2015-12-24

the roots of this work lie in my earlier book scientific progress which first appeared in 1981 one of its topics the distinction between scientific laws and theories is there treated with reference to the same distinction as drawn by n r campbell in his physics the elements shortly after completing scientific progress i read rom harre s the principles of scientific thinking in which the concept of theory is even more clearly delineated than in campbell being directly con nected to the notion of a model as it was in my book in subsequent considerations regarding science harre s work thus became my main source of inspiration with regard to theories while campbell s re mained my main source with respect to empiricallaws around the same time i also read william whewell s philosophy of the inductive sciences in this work whewell depicts principles as playing a central role in the formation of science and conceives of them in much the same way as kant conceives of fundamental syn thetic a priori judgements the idea that science should have principles as a basic element immediately made sense to me and from that time i have thought of science in terms of laws theories and principles

The Fiction of Science 2021

our earlier book how we know an exploration of the scientific process was written to give some conception of what the scientific approach is like how to recognize it how to distinguish it from other approaches to understanding the world and to give some feeling for the intellectual excitement and aesthetic satisfactions of science these goals represented our concept of the term scientific literacy though the book was written for the general reader to our surprise and gratification it was also used as a text in about forty colleges and some high schools for courses in science for the non scientist in methodology of science for social and behavioral sciences and in the philosophy of science as a result we were encouraged to write a textbook with essentially the same purpose and basic approach but at a level appropriate to college students we have drawn up problems for those chapters that would benefit from them described laboratory experiments that illustrate important points discussed in the text and made suggestions for additional readings term papers and other projects throughout the book we have introduced a number of chapters and appendices that provide examples of the uses of quantitative thinking in the sciences logic math ematics probability statistics and graphical representation

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science as psychology reveals the complexity and richness of rationality by demonstrating how social relationships emotion culture and identity are implicated in the problem solving practices of laboratory scientists in this study the authors gather and analyze interview and observational data from innovation focused laboratories in the engineering sciences to show how the complex practices of laboratory research scientists provide rich psychological insights and how a better understanding of science practice facilitates understanding of human beings more generally the study focuses not on dismantling the rational core of scientific practice but on illustrating how social personal and cognitive processes are intricately woven together in scientific thinking the book is thus a contribution to science studies the psychology of science and general psychology

have you ever felt a sudden rush of recognition that you ve been in a place before what causes a déjà vu why do dogs look like their owners what s up with insect swarms what s the science behind showing your tongue do you keep drier by walking or running through a rainstorm in this updated and expanded edition of the science of everyday life bestselling author jay ingram explains these and many more weird and fascinating mysteries

The Metaphysics of Science 2013-06-29

this book completes a scientific life trilogy of books following on from the hows i e skills and the whys is now the whats of a scientific life starting with just what is science then on to what is physics what is chemistry and what is biology the book discusses career situations in terms of types of obstacles faced there follow examples of what science has achieved as well as plans and opportunities the contexts for science are dependencies of science on mathematics how science cuts across disciplines and the importance of engineering and computer software what science is as a process is that it is distinctly successful in avoiding or dealing with failures most recently a radical change in what is science is the merger of the international council of scientific unions and the international social sciences council key features dissects what is science and its contexts provides wide ranging case studies of science and discovery based directly on the author s many decades in science the author has outstanding experience in mentoring and career development and also in outreach activities for the public and students of all

ages the world of science today involves a merger of the sciences and the social sciences

The Experience of Science 2010-11-22

Science as Psychology 1990

a great mathematician and teacher bridges the gap between science and the humanities in this exposition of the philosophy of science philipp frank a distinguished physicist and philosopher in his own right traces the history of science from aristotle to einstein to illustrate philosophy s ongoing role in the scientific process suitable for undergraduate students and other readers this volume explains modern technology s role in the gradual erosion of the rapport between physical theories and philosophical systems and offers suggestions for restoring the link between these related areas dr frank examines the ancient greek concept of natural science to illustrate the development of modern science then using geometry as an example he charts its progress from euclidean principles through the interpretations of descartes mill kant and the rise of four dimensional and non euclidean geometry additional topics include the laws of motion before and after innovations of galileo and newton perceptions of motion light and relativity through the ages metaphysical interpretations of relativistic physics the motion of atomic objects and the phenomena and formulations of atomic physics and the principle of causality and the validation of theories

The Science of Everyday Life 2019-10-10

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The Whats of a Scientific Life 2022-02-18

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a distinguished mathematician traces the history of science illustrating philosophy s ongoing role explaining technology s erosion of the rapport between the two fields and offering suggestions for their reunion 1962 edition

Philosophy of Science 1888

excerpt from general science the question of what science shall be taught in the first year of the regular high school or in the eighth or ninth years of the junior high school is becoming one of steadily increasing importance the logical course for this period of the child s school life seems to be a general course in those elements of science which will form a foundation for the sciences which usually come later in the high school courses of study and which will give the best training to those who may withdraw from school at the end of the ninth year for a number of years physical geography was the science commonly taught in the ninth year teachers of this subject found that in order to do their best work it was necessary to give a considerable portion of their time to teaching the elements of related sciences such as physics chemistry and botany the same thing was true of the teachers of the biological sciences this fact furnishes an excellent argument for the substitution of a course in general science for the sciences which were formerly taught in the first year of our high schools first year science is intended for immature minds it must be presented and illustrated in such a way that the pupil will not be confused with terms which are too technical nor with treatments of topics which are too advanced for him about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the

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how was the earth formed how big is an atom what is a quantum leap most of us however well educated still find it impossible to answer even the most basic questions about science it is something we associate with childish pleasures trips to the science museum a love of dinosaurs we leave it behind in adolescence to pursue the canon of literature and the arts but a truly cultured adult natalie angier argues should know the classic ideas of physics and evolutionary biology as well as the classic works of beethoven and shakespeare in the canon angier takes us on a dazzling joyride through the beautiful basics of science with great energy and passion she tackles each of the main scientific disciplines from chemistry to astrology using familiar examples memorable analogies and a considerable amount of good humour to illuminate and entertain she draws on interviews with hundreds of eminent scientists to create a vivid informative primer for scientific literacy the canon is vital reading for anyone who s ever been the slightest bit curious about how our world works it s for anyone who wished they understood the great issues of our age global warming stem cell research nuclear arms or for parents who panic when their child ask them how electricity works it s the essential guide to the ideas that underpin our universe a book that will enrapture enlighten and inspire

The Language of Science 2016

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Science 2013-04-16

jacob bronowski was with kenneth clarke the greatest popularizer of serious ideas in britain between the mid 1950s and the early 1970s trained as a mathematician he was equally at home with painting and physics and wrote a series of brilliant books that tried to break down the barriers between the two cultures he denounced the destructive modern prejudice that art and science are different and somehow incompatible interests he wrote a fine book on william blake while running the national coal board s research establishment the common sense of science first published in 1951 is a vivid attempt to explain in ordinary language how science is done and how scientists think he isolates three creative ideas that have been central to science the idea of order the idea of causes and the idea of chance for bronowski these were common sense ideas that became immensely powerful and productive when applied to a vision of the world that broke with the medieval notion of a world of things ordered according to their ideal natures instead galileo huyghens and newton and their contemporaries imagined a world of events running in a steady mechanism of before and after we are still living with the consequences of this search for order and causality within the facts that the world presents to us

Philosophy of Science 2015-06-26

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