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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 first 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 this is a book that every science teacher should read and consider it will certainly affect their views of what science really is and influence their teaching the science teacher

Science Matters 2009-06-09

a science book for the general reader that is informative enough to be a popular textbook and yet well written enough to appeal to general readers hazen and trefil are unpretentious good down to earth we can explain anything science teachers the kind you wish you had but never did the new york times book review knowledge of the basic ideas and principles of science is fundamental to cultural literacy but most books on science are often too obscure or too specialized to do the general reader much good science matters is a rare exception a science book that is informative enough for introductory courses in high school and college and yet lucid enough for readers uncomfortable with scientific jargon and complicated mathematics and now

revised and expanded it is up to date so that readers can enjoy hazen and trefil s refreshingly accessible explanations of the most recent developments in science from particle physics to biotechnology

Does Science Need a Global Language? 2013-05-06

in early 2012 the global scientific community erupted with news that the elusive higgs boson had likely been found providing potent validation for the standard model of how the universe works scientists from more than one hundred countries contributed to this discovery proving beyond any doubt that a new era in science had arrived an era of multinationalism and cooperative reach globalization the internet and digital technology all play a role in making this new era possible but something more fundamental is also at work in all scientific endeavors lies the ancient drive for sharing ideas and knowledge and now this can be accomplished in a single tongue english but is this a good thing in does science need a global language scott l montgomery seeks to answer this question by investigating the phenomenon of global english in science how and why it came about the forms in which it appears what advantages and disadvantages it brings and what its future might be he also examines the consequences of a global tongue considering especially emerging and developing nations where research is still at a relatively early stage and english is not yet firmly established throughout the book he includes important insights from a broad range of perspectives in linguistics history education geopolitics and more each chapter includes striking and revealing anecdotes from the front line experiences of today s scientists some of whom have struggled with the reality of global scientific english he explores topics such as student mobility publication trends world englishes language endangerment and second language learning among many others what he uncovers will challenge readers to rethink their assumptions about the direction of contemporary science as well as its future

Science and the Scientific Mind 2009-07

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What is Science? 1980

an undergraduate introduction to the philosophy of science intended for non philosophers the five chapters concern the formation development nature use and limitations of scientific ideas in an attempt to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between the sciences and the humanities

Science, Culture and Society 2005-09-23

in this easily accessible text mark erickson explains what science is and how it is carried out the nature of the relationship between science and society the representation of science in contemporary culture and how scientific institutions are structured

The Birth of Science 2020-08-14

this book reveals the multi generational process involved in humanity s first major scientific achievement namely the discovery of modern physics and examines the personal lives of six of the intellectual giants involved it explores the profound revolution in the way of thinking and in particular the successful refutation of the school of thought inherited from the greeks which focused on the perfection and immutability of the celestial world in addition the emergence of the scientific method and the adoption of mathematics as the central tool in scientific endeavors are discussed the book then explores the delicate thread between pure philosophy grand unifying theories and verifiable real life scientific facts lastly it turns to kepler s crucial 3rd law and shows how it was derived from a mere six data points corresponding to the six planets known at the time written in a straightforward and accessible style the book will inform and fascinate all aficionados of science history philosophy and in particular astronomy

The Sphere of Science 1898

today only a few people outside of the scientific community are conversant with the tradition of science and its many breakthroughs the rest are scientifically illiterate so say frank r spellman and joni price bayer authors of in defense of science why scientific literacy matters this book explains why ordinary citizens need to have an understanding of science its methods and its groundbreaking discoveries the authors introduce the most basic scientific concepts in accessible and straightforward language along the way they debunk several misconceptions of science and scientists and arrive at a view of science as an integral part of society policy and everyday life the book begins with an introduction to science and its basic concepts including a brief and entertaining history of science and scientific discoveries before taking on current views of science in society it surveys the many sources of our ideas of science including pop culture classics of literature news media and political discourse much of the information from these sources tends to mislead and the only way to guard against such misinformation is to become scientifically literate and promote scientific literacy in society the book therefore delves into the reasons that so many people do not understand basic scientific principles and do not keep up with scientific breakthroughs and finishes by examining the current state of science education it includes many resources for further reading and is presented in an engaging and entertaining way it offers much food for thought for anyone concerned with science in today s world

In Defense of Science 2011

in this concise and luminous book Russell examines the changes in modern life brought about by science he suggests that its work in transforming society is only just beginning from inside upper cover

The Impact of Science on Society 1952

during the nineteenth century much of the modern scientific enterprise took shape scientific disciplines were formed institutions and communities were founded and unprecedented applications to and interactions with other aspects of society and culture occurred in this book eleven leading historians of science assess what their field has taught us about this exciting time and identify issues that remain unexamined or require reconsideration they treat both scientific disciplines biology physics chemistry the earth sciences mathematics and the social sciences in their specific intellectual and sociocultural contexts as well as the broader topics of science and medicine science and religion scientific institutions and communities and science technology and industry providing a much needed overview and analysis of a rapidly expanding field from natural philosophy to the sciences will be essential for historians of science but also of great interest to scholars of all aspects of nineteenth century life and culture contributors bernadette bensaude vincent jed z buchwald david cahan joseph dauben frederick gregory michael hagner sungook hong david r oldroyd theodore m porter robert j richards ulrich wengenroth

From Natural Philosophy to the Sciences 2003-09-15

summarizing this century's major debates over realism and the rationality of scientific knowledge Joseph Rouse believes that these disputes oversimplify the political and cultural significance of the sciences he provides an alternative understanding of science that focuses on practices rather than knowledge Rouse first outlines the shared assumptions by ostensibly opposed interpretive stances toward science scientific realism social constructivism empiricism and postempiricist historical rationalism he then advances cultural studies as an alternative approach one that understands the sciences as ongoing patterns of situated activity whose material setting is part of practice cultural studies of science the author suggests take seriously their own participation in and engagement with the culture of science rejecting the purported detachment of earlier philosophical or sociological standpoints rather such studies offer specific critical discussions of how and why science matters and to whom and how opportunities for meaningful understanding and action are transformed by scientific practices

Engaging Science 2018-10-18

why is the night sky dark how do dolphins sleep without drowning why do hangovers occur will time travel ever be a reality what makes a knuckleball appear to flutter why are craters always round there's only one source to turn to for the answers to the most puzzling and thought

provoking questions about the world of science scientific american writing in a fun and accessible style an esteemed team of scientists and educators will lead you on a wild ride from the far reaches of the universe to the natural world right in your own backyard along the way you ll discover solutions to some of life s quirkiest conundrums such as why cats purr how frogs survive winter without freezing why snowflakes are symmetrical and much more even if you haven t picked up a science book since your school days these tantalizing q a s will shed new light on the world around you inside you below you above you and beyond

Scientific American's Ask the Experts 2009-03-17

this book describes the development of the scientific article from its modest beginnings to the global phenomenon that it has become today their analysis of a large sample of texts in french english and german focuses on the changes in the style organization and argumentative structure of scientific communication over time they also speculate on the future currency of the scientific article as it enters the era of the world wide this book is an outstanding resource text in the rhetoric of science and will stand as the definitive study on the topic

Communicating Science 2002

australia and new zealand boast an active community of scholars working in the field of history philosophy and social studies of science australasian studies in history and philosophy of science aims to provide a distinctive publication outlet for their work each volume comprises a group of thematically connected essays edited by scholars based in australia or new zealand with special expertise in that particular area in each volume a majority of the contributors are from australia or new zealand contributions from elsewhere are by no means ruled out however and are actively encouraged wherever appropriate to the balance of the volume in question earlier volumes in the series have been welcomed for significantly advancing the discussion of the topics they have dealt with i believe that the present volume will be greeted equally enthusiastically by readers in many parts of the world r w home general editor australasian studies in history and philosophy of science viii acknowledgements the majority of the papers in this collection had their origin in the 2001 australasian association for history philosophy and social studies of science annual conference held at the university of melbourne where streams of papers on the themes of scientific realism and commonsense were organised

Recent Themes in the Philosophy of Science 2002-08-31

exploring one of the central themes in science education theory this volume examines how science education can be considered as a scientific activity within a broad post positivist notion of science many students find learning science extremely problematic whatever level of education they have reached at the end of the 1970s a new approach to tackling learning difficulties in science was developed drawing on ideas from psychology and cognitive science and centred on the way students build up new knowledge in reference to their existing ideas constructivism became the dominant paradigm in science education research for two decades

spawning a vast body of literature reporting aspects of learners ideas in different science topics however constructivism came under fire as it was recognised that the research did not offer immediate and simple prescriptions for effective science teaching the whole approach was widely criticised in particular by those who saw it as having anti science leanings in this book the notion of scientific research programmes is used to understand the development limitations and potential of constructivism it is shown that constructivist work in science education fits into a coherent programme exploring the contingencies of learning science the author goes further to address criticisms of constructivism evaluate progress in the field and suggest directions for future research it is concluded that constructivism has provided the foundations for a progressive research programme that continues to guide enquiry into learning and teaching science

Progressing Science Education 2009-05-29

in science patricia fara rewrites science s past to provide new ways of understanding and questioning our modern technological society aiming not just to provide information but to make people think this unique book explores how science has become so powerful by describing the financial interests and imperial ambitions behind its success sweeping through the centuries from ancient babylon right up to the latest hi tech experiments in genetics and particle physics fara s book also ranges internationally challenging notions of european superiority by emphasising the importance of scientific projects based around the world including revealing discussions of china and the islamic empire alongside the more familiar stories about copernicus s sun centered astronomy newton s gravity and darwin s theory of evolution we see for instance how muslim leaders encouraged science by building massive libraries hospitals and astronomical observatories and we rediscover the significance of medieval europe long overlooked where surprisingly religious institutions ensured science s survival as the learning preserved in monasteries was subsequently developed in new and unique institutions universities instead of focussing on esoteric experiments and abstract theories she explains how science belongs to the practical world of war politics and business and rather than glorifying scientists as idealized heroes she tells true stories about real people men and some women who needed to earn their living who made mistakes and who trampled down their rivals finally this provocative volume challenges scientific supremacy itself arguing that science is successful not because it is always indubitably right but because people have said that it is right science dominates modern life but perhaps the globe will be better off by limiting science s powers and undoing some of its effects dismantling popular myths taking a truly global view and dispensing with false idols fara s highly readable survey of science s histories is a breath of fresh air she unerringly pinpoints the defining moods of each age treating the past with respect and the present with discernment this wonderfully literate book tells a story that is far far more interesting than the tidy fictions of hindsight philip ball consultant editor of nature it s been a very long time since any reputable historian of science had the desire the knowledge or the nerve to undertake a book like this an attempt to survey the development of science from antiquity to the present notably including non european materials patricia fara has succeeded science is an elegant and compact creative synthesis of the piecemeal researches of

generations of academic historians it deserves the widest possible readership steven shapin professor of the history of science harvard and author of the scientific revolution patricia fara lectures in the history and philosophy of science at the university of cambridge and is the senior tutor of clare college she is the author of numerous books including fatal attraction magnetic mysteries of the enlightenment and newton the making of genius her writing has appeared in history today new scientist nature the times and new statesman and she writes a regular column on scientific portraits for endeavour books by the same author fatal attraction magnetic mysteries of the enlightenment by patricia fara published 2005 publisher icon books price 19 99 pandora s breeches women science and power in the enlightenment by patricia fara published 2004 publisher pimlico price 12 99 sex botany and empire the stories of carl linnaeus and joseph banks by patricia fara published 2003 publisher icon books price 16 99 newton the making of genius by patricia fara published 2002 publisher macmillan price 120 an entertainment for angels electricity in the enlightenment by patricia fara publish

Science 2009

discusses science as a characteristic part of human activity and as an effort to render the world predictable

The Common Sense of Science 1953

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 connected 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 remained 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 synthetic 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 Metaphysics of Science 2013-04-17

this book explains why the social character of scientific knowledge makes it trustworthy and why social character is its greatest strength for example why we should trust doctors on vaccine safety or climate experts on the perils of global warming it traces the history and philosophy of science from the late nineteenth century to today and explains that the trustworthiness of scientific claims derives from the social process by which they are rigorously vetted

Why Trust Science? 2019-10-22

in contemporary society science constitutes a significant part of human life in that it impacts on how people experience and understand the world and themselves the rapid advances in science and technology newly established societal and cultural norms and values and changes in the climate and environment as well as the depletion of natural resources all greatly impact the lives of children and youths and hence their ways of learning viewing the world experiencing phenomena around them and interacting with others these changes challenge science educators to rethink the epistemology and pedagogy in science classrooms today as the practice of science education needs to be proactive and relevant to students and prepare them for life in the present and in the future featuring contributions from highly experienced and celebrated science educators as well as research perspectives from europe the usa asia and australia this book addresses theoretical and practical examples in science education that on the one hand plays a key role in our understanding of the world and yet paradoxically now acknowledges a growing number of uncertainties of knowledge about the world the material is in four sections that cover the learning and teaching of science from science literacy to multiple representations science teacher education the use of innovations and new technologies in science teaching and learning and science learning in informal settings including outdoor environmental learning activities acknowledging the issues and challenges in science education this book hopes to generate collaborative discussions among scholars researchers and educators to develop critical and creative ways of science teaching to improve and enrich the lives of our children and youths

Issues and Challenges in Science Education Research ***2012-04-27***

few can imagine a world without telephones or televisions many depend on computers and the internet as part of daily life without scientific theory these developments would not have been possible in this exceptionally clear and engaging introduction to philosophy of science james ladyman explores the philosophical questions that arise when we reflect on the nature of the scientific method and the knowledge it produces he discusses whether fundamental philosophical questions about knowledge and reality might be answered by science and considers in detail the debate between realists and antirealists about the extent of scientific knowledge along the way central topics in philosophy of science such as the demarcation of science from non science induction confirmation and falsification the relationship between theory and observation and relativism are all addressed important and complex current debates over underdetermination inference to the best explanation and the implications of radical theory change are clarified and clearly explained for those new to the subject

Understanding Philosophy of Science 2012-08-06

as more schools begin to implement the national science education standards adults who care

about the quality of k 12 science education in their communities may want to help their local schools make the transition this booklet provides guidance to parents and others explains why high quality science education is important for all children and young adults and shows how the quality of school science programs can be measured center for science mathematics and engineering education staff 1998 32 pages 8 5 x 11 single copy 10 00 2 9 copies 7 00 each 10 or more copies 4 50 each no other discounts apply

The Structure of Science 1961

essays examining the ways in which the victorian periodical press presented the scientific developments of the time to general and specialized audiences nineteenth century britain saw an explosion of periodical literature with the publication of over 100 000 different magazines and newspapers for a growing market of eager readers the victorian periodical press became an important medium for the dissemination of scientific ideas every major scientific advance in the nineteenth century was trumpeted and analyzed in periodicals ranging from intellectual quarterlies such as the edinburgh review to popular weeklies like the mirror of literature from religious periodicals such as the evangelical magazine to the atheistic oracle of reason scientific articles appeared side by side with the latest fiction or political reporting while articles on nonscientific topics and serialized novels invoked scientific theories or used analogies drawn from science the essays collected in science serialized examine the variety of ways in which the nineteenth century periodical press represented science to both general and specialized readerships they explore the role of scientific controversy in the press and the cultural politics of publication subject range from the presentation of botany in women s magazines to the highly public dispute between darwin and samuel butler and from discussions of the mind body problem to those of energy physics contributors include leading scholars in the fields of history of science and literature ann b shtair jonathan topham frank a j l james roger smith graeme gooday crosbie smith ian higginson gillian beer bernard lightman helen small gowan dawson jonathan smith james g paradis and harriet ritvo

Every Child a Scientist 1998-01-02

did the universe start with a big bang is light a wave a particle or both are we the cause of global warming science has made it possible to comprehend the world we live in and the theoretical multiverses beyond offering technological advances and extending the frontiers of knowledge written in plain english the science book presents 80 of the most trailblazing ideas in physics chemistry and biology it is packed with short pithy explanations that cut through the jargon step by step diagrams that untangle knotty theories classic quotes that make scientific discoveries memorable and witty illustrations that enhance and play with our understanding of science whatever your grasp of the subject whether you re a keen student or an armchair expert you ll find plenty to stimulate you within this book part of the popular big ideas series the science book is the perfect way to explore this fascinating subject

Science Serialized 2004-03-12

this monography is a study in the philosophy of science preface

The Science Book 2015-02-02

a collection of essays that explore the fascinating science behind everyday phenomena such as rainbows soap bubbles and lightning written for a general audience this book will inspire curiosity and wonder about the natural world this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant

The Reach of Science 1958

scientific literacy is generally valued and acknowledged among educators as a desirable student learning outcome however what scientific literacy really means in terms of classroom practice and student learning is debatable due to the inherent complexity of the term and varying expectations of what it means for learning outcomes to date the teacher voice has been noticeably absent from this debate even though the very nature of teacher expertise lies at the heart of the processes which shape students scientific literacy the chapters that comprise this book tap into the expertise of a group of primary teachers from our lady of good counsel olgc a primary school that chose to actively engage in teaching for scientific literacy by analyzing the insights and thinking that emerged as they attempted to unravel some of the pedagogical complexities associated with constructing an understanding of scientific literacy in their own classrooms these teachers demonstrate the professional knowledge and skill inherent in the expertise of teaching and learning science in a primary classroom the chapters in this book illustrate the processes and structures that were created at oglc to provide the conditions that allowed these teachers to explore and build on the range of ideas that informed their approach to teaching for scientific literacy this book is a compelling example of how a whole school approach to scientific literacy can make a difference for students learning of science and offer a concrete example of the development of professional knowledge and practice of teachers

Science at Home 2023-07-18

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

Scientific Literacy Under the Microscope 2011-11-19

from the heliocentric controversy and evolution to debates on biotechnology and the environment this book offers a balanced introduction to the key issues in science and religion a balanced introductory textbook which fully spans the interface between science and religion and includes illustrations of scientific concepts throughout explores key historical issues including the heliocentric controversy and evolution but also topics of current importance such as biotechnology and environmental issues appendices include a wide range of biblical readings excerpts from early philosophers theologians and scientists including aristotle aquinas hume kant galileo newton and darwin and short works from twentieth and twenty first century scientists and theologians accessibly structured in to sections covering cosmology evolution and ethics in a scientific age provides significant coverage of scientific information and balanced explanations of the key debates for introductory students

The Canon 2008-12

six essays by noted philosophers of science include the following topics explanation in science and in history philosophy and the scientific image of man psychoanalysis and parapsychology the conceptual basis of the biological sciences the nature of time and problems of microphysics

Science and Religion 2010-03-18

the world around us is continually being shaped by science and by society s relationship to it in recent years sociologists have been increasingly preoccupied with the latter and now in this fascinating book massimiano buchi provides a brief introduction to this topical issue buchi provides clear and unassuming summaries of all the major theoretical positions within the sociology of science illustrated with many fascinating examples theories covered include thomas kuhn s theory of scientific change the sociology of scientific knowledge actor network theory and the social construction of technology the second half of the book looks at recent public controversies over the role of science in the modern world including the sokal affair otherwise known as the science wars debates over public understanding of science such as global warming

and genetically modified food the implications of the human genome project this much needed introduction to a rapidly growing area brings theory alive and will be essential reading for all students of the sociology of science

Frontiers of Science and Philosophy 1963-01-15

on science concepts cultures and limits explores science and its relationship with religion philosophy ethics mathematics and with socio economic changes the book gives an overview of the metaphysical contexts in which science emerged and the particular forms science has taken in history it examines the preoccupation of ancient cultures with the validity of interpretations of natural phenomena the role of the study of materials in the substantiation of the conceptual world and the establishment of modern science on both experimentation and mathematics this theoretical discussion is illustrated by a host of examples from physics to the life sciences which highlight how current concepts developed over the centuries or even millennia the volume underscores some of the weaknesses inherent in a scientific approach and how in the modern context of a wealth driven technological orientation these have been conducive to a gradual distortion of science into its exact opposite a dogmatic faith it further discusses the nature of scientific education in the world and how conditions can be created to ensure pioneering creativity and to preserve scientific rigor the book will be of great interest to scholars teachers and researchers of science the metaphysics and philosophy of science mathematics science and technology studies epistemology ethics history and sociology it will also be useful for general readers who are interested in the history of scientific discoveries and ideas as well as in the issues surrounding science today in particular its relations with many urgent problems

Science In Society 2004-07-31

propelled by a series of interviews with luminaries of modern science such as stephen hawking thomas kuhn lynn margulis roger penrose francis crick richard dawkins freeman dyson murray gell mann stephen jay gould steven weinberg e o wilson and karl popper science writer john horgan makes the case that science as we have known it of startling revelations about heretofore unrecognized aspects of reality is over there will be no more discoveries like those of evolution or quantum mechanics rather all the big questions that can be answered have been answered all the knowledge worth pursuing has become known the point is not that the search for a final theory of everything has reached its successful conclusion but rather that the world cannot give us one according to horgan modern endeavors such as string theory are ironic and even theological in nature not scientific and as a result it is no surprise that no one can think of a means to confirm them it was a controversial argument in 1996 and it remains one today still firing up debates in labs and on the internet not least because as horgan details in a lengthy new introduction ironic science is more prevalent and powerful than ever still while horgan offers his critique grounded in the thinking of the world s leading researchers he offers homage too if science is ending he maintains it is only because it has done its work so well

On Science 2020-12-21

ideal as a stand alone supplement in any science course the scientific endeavor creates a framework for students future coursework in the sciences by discussing what science is and how it is done presenting all of the major topics and basic underpinnings of science in a clear simplified manner the book provides a generic view that isn't tied to any specific discipline students develop scientific literacy that will help them better understand and appreciate their mainstream science courses

The End of Science 2000

the explosion of scientific information is exacerbating the information gap between richer poorer educated less educated publics the proliferation of media technology and the popularity of the internet help some keep up with these developments but also make it more likely others fall further behind this is taking place in a globalizing economy and society that further complicates the division between information haves and have nots and compounds the challenge of communicating about emerging science and technology to increasingly diverse audiences journalism about science and technology must fill this gap yet journalists and journalism students themselves struggle to keep abreast of contemporary scientific developments scientist aided by public relations and public information professionals must get their stories out not only to other scientists but also to broader public audiences funding agencies increasingly expect their grantees to engage in outreach and education and such activity can be seen as both a survival strategy and an ethical imperative for taxpayer supported university based research science communication often in new forms must expand to meet all these needs providing a comprehensive introduction to students professionals and scholars in this area is a unique challenge because practitioners in these fields must grasp both the principles of science and the principles of science communication while understanding the social contexts of each for this reason science journalism and science communication are often addressed only in advanced undergraduate or graduate specialty courses rather than covered exhaustively in lower division courses even so those entering the field rarely will have a comprehensive background in both science and communication studies this circumstance underscores the importance of compiling useful reference materials the encyclopedia of science and technology communication presents resources and strategies for science communicators including theoretical material and background on recent controversies and key institutional actors and sources science communicators need to understand more than how to interpret scientific facts and conclusions they need to understand basic elements of the politics sociology and philosophy of science as well as relevant media and communication theory principles of risk communication new trends and how to evaluate the effectiveness of science communication programmes to mention just a few of the major challenges this work will help to develop and enhance such understanding as it addresses these challenges and more topics covered include advocacy policy and research organizations environmental and health communication philosophy of science media theory and science communication informal science education science journalism as a profession risk communication theory public understanding of science pseudo science in the news special

problems in reporting science and technology science communication ethics

The Scientific Endeavor 2010-07-14

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Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Communication 1961

an entertaining informative and thought provoking look at the world of pure science and how obscure research leads to major changes in our world john m henshaw university of tulsa author of a tour of the senses with a novelistic style c renée james reveals how obscure studies of natural phenomena including curved space time poisonous cone snails exploding black holes and the precise chemical makeup of the sun led unexpectedly to wifi gps genetic sequencing pain medications and cancer treatments science unshackled brings both science and scientists to life and shows how simple curiosity can result in life changing breakthroughs scientists engaged in what is known as basic research never know when exploring small questions will have big impacts but by following the scientific method disciplined inquiry can lead to wondrous and practical discoveries that benefit all of us in the end the next time someone asks you why the government wastes its money on weird research recall the intriguing stories james has told and tell them the answer

The Logic of Scientific Discovery 2008-06-01

Familiar Science 2014-10-02

Science Unshackled

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