

Science Books for Your Reading Pleasure



Fiction Books

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Anderson, M. T. (F Anderson)

Feed - In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Isaac Asimov (F Asimov)

Fantastic Voyage - The time is the future, the setting the jungle-land of a man's body with all its lurking terrors and unknown perils, its wonder and strange beauty

The Ugly Little Boy - Stasis Technologies, Ltd. plucks a Neanderthal child off the prehistoric tundra and transports it into the twenty-first century. His assigned nurse develops a caring bond with the boy and attempts to travel back in time with him to help him rejoin his tribe.

Greg Bear (F Bear)

Darwin's Children - Scientists Kaye Lang and Mitch Rafelson, parents of Stella, a genetically-enhanced child born as a result of mutations in the human genome caused by the SHEVA virus, lose the struggle to keep their daughter safe from a repressive government that wants to control the virus children by isolating them from the general population

Darwin's Radio - Molecular biologist Kay Lang, a specialist in retroviruses, teams up with virus hunter Christopher Dicken and anthropologist Mitch Rafelson in an attempt to trace the ancient source of a flu-like disease that is killing expectant mothers and their offspring and threatening the future of the human race.

Ray Bradbury (F Bradbury)

Martian Chronicles - The first earth people to colonize Mars try to build their new world in the image of the civilization they left behind.

Dan Brown (F Brown)

Angels & Demons - World-renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyze a mysterious symbol seared into the chest of a murder victim, where he discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient brotherhood with a vendetta against the Catholic Church



The Da Vinci Code - Investigating the murder of a Louvre curator, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon and French cryptologist Sophie Neveu find clues painted into a Da Vinci work, inadvertently uncovering a plot involving the

Holy Grail and the secret society known as the Priory of Sion.

Deception Point - Struggling to rebound from a series of embarrassing blunders that have jeopardized its political life at the start of this lively thriller, NASA makes an astounding discovery: there is a meteor embedded deep within the arctic ice. And it isn't just any meteor. Inside the huge rock, which crashed to earth in 1716, are fossils of giant insects—proof of extraterrestrial life. Yet, given NASA's slipping reputation, the question arises: Is the meteor real or a fake? That uncertainty dogs NASA and its supporters in Brown's latest page-flipper, a finely polished amalgam of action and intrigue. Trying to determine the truth are intelligence agent Rachel Sexton and popular oceanographer Michael Tolland, both among the first to suspect something is amiss when the meteor is pulled from the ice.



Ian Caldwell (F Caldwell)

The Rule of Four – Tom Sullivan and Paul Harris are determined to unlock the mystery behind an ancient Renaissance text before their graduation from Princeton, but just before they unlock it's mysteries the campus is rocked with a series of suspicious deaths.

Orson Scott Card (F Card)

Ender's Game – In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers

Lincoln Child (F Child)



Deep Storm

Ex-naval doctor Peter Crane is summoned to investigate an illness plaguing workers on a remote oil platform in the North Atlantic, and arrives to find the problem really exists at a top-secret laboratory miles beneath the sea where scientists and government agents are excavating what could be the lost continent of Atlantis.

Arthur Clarke (F Clarke)

2001: A Space Odyssey – When an enigmatic monolith is found buried on the moon, scientists are amazed to discover that it's at least 3 million years old. Even more amazing, after it's unearthed the artifact releases a powerful signal aimed at Saturn. What sort of alarm has been triggered? To find out, a manned spacecraft, the Discovery, is sent to investigate. Its crew is highly trained--the best--and they are assisted by a self-aware computer, the ultra-capable HAL 9000. But HAL's programming has been patterned after the human mind a little too well. He is capable of guilt, neurosis, even murder, and he controls every single one of Discovery's components. The crew must overthrow this digital psychotic if they hope to make their rendezvous with the entities that are responsible not just for the monolith, but maybe even for human civilization.

2061 Odyssey Three – Two space expeditions are entangled by human necessity and the laws of physics

Max Allan Collins (F Collins)

Before the Dawn – In 2019 Max, a stunning beautiful, genetically altered super-soldier

who has joined a gang of thieves, confronts one of the people who escaped with her.
Sin City - Committed CSI investigators deftly piece together seemingly insignificant clues, and move beyond the neon to Las Vegas' darkest and deadliest corners.

Robin Cook (F Cook)

Blindsight - Manhattan city forensic pathologist Laurie Montgomery battles to foil a plot of unimaginable evil in a distinguished New York hospital.

Critical - New York City medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton are called in to help Doctor Angela Dawson track down the source of a deadly staph infection that threatens to shut down Angela's three successful hospitals, and in the course of their investigation, Laurie and Jack uncover some shocking secrets that could threaten the hospitals' futures.



Patricia Cornwell (F Cornwell)

Blow Fly - Kay Scarpetta, working as a private forensic consultant in Florida, is thrown into a turmoil when Jean-Baptiste Chandonne, a serial killer she was responsible for bringing to justice, requests that she administer his death sentence in exchange for information about his crimes, as well as a new rash of killings in the area.

Scarpetta - Former South Carolina forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta takes a case in New York in which a patient in a psychiatric prison asks to speak to her about wounds he claims were inflicted during a murder he did not commit, and after talking with the man, she starts to believe he is telling the truth and a serial killer is on the loose.

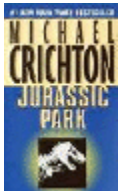
Michael Crichton (F Crichton)

The Andromeda Strain

Everyone on earth is susceptible to a lethal virus which kills some instantly while passing over others

Jurassic Park

Scientists genetically bring back to life dinosaurs for an amusement park.



Next

Interweaves the stories of various human and animal characters with genetic abnormalities, including a boy who has chimpanzee chromosomes, a parrot that was injected with human genes and can figure out mathematical equations, and an orangutan that can talk, and the complications that are associated with their existence

Prey

A cloud of nanoparticles programmed as a predator and capable of self-reproduction escapes from a Nevada laboratory and makes the human population its target.

Sphere

A group of American scientists are rushed to a huge vessel that has been discovered resting on the ocean floor in the middle of the South Pacific. What they find defines their imaginations and mocks their attempts at logical explanation. It is a spaceship of phenomenal dimensions, apparently, undamaged by its fall from the sky. And, most startling, it appears to be at least three hundred years old

Timeline - It is a world of exploding advances on the frontiers of technology. Information moves instantly between two points, without wires or networks. Computers are built from single molecules. Any moment of the past can be actualized -- and a group of historians can enter, literally, life in fourteenth-century feudal France. Imagine the risks of such a journey. combines a science of the future -- the emerging field of quantum technology -- with the complex realities of the medieval past

Alane Ferguson (F Ferguson)

The Angel of Death: A Forensic Mystery - While investigating the murder of her English teacher, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney, who works as assistant coroner for her father, begins a romance with the most popular guy in school, awaits the arrival of her long-missing mother, and puts her life in danger.



The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery - On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger.

Linda Fairstein (F Fairstein)

Death Dance - Assistant district attorney Alex Cooper learns the behind-the-scene secrets of Broadway when she joins NYPD's Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace in an investigation of the disappearance of famous dancer Natalya Galinova from Lincoln Center's Metropolitan Opera House during a performance, while at the same time trying to navigate the new world of technology-assisted forensics.

Ken Follett (F Follett)

Code to Zero - In January 1958, the midst of the Cold War, Luke Lucas wakes alone on the ground in a railway station with no idea how he got there--and finds that he must recover lost memories that others are glad he has forgotten if he is to save the launch of Explorer I, America's attempt to top the Soviet Union's Sputnik.

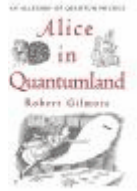
Neil Gaiman (F Gainman)

Interworld - At nearly fifteen years of age, Joey Harker learns that he is a Walker, able to travel between dimensions, and soon joins a team of different versions of himself, each from another dimension, to fight the evil forces striving to conquer all the worlds.

American Gods - Shadow sets out on a journey across America fighting old myths and the gods of modern technology and material obsession when he takes employment with a man named Wednesday--otherwise known as the god Odin--after his release from prison and his wife's sudden death

Robert Gilmore (F Gilmore)

Alice in Quantumland - Illustrates the scientific concepts of quantum physics through an allegory in which Alice is shrunk to the size of a nuclear particle and heads to an intellectual amusement park where she encounters attractions and strange characters that help her understand various aspects of quantum mechanics

**Allegra Goodman (F Goodman)**

Intuition – Doctor Sandy Glass and scientist Marion Mendelssohn desperately work for a grant to fund their cancer research, and pin their hopes on the experiments of Cliff Bannaker, but when Cliff's girlfriend reveals that Cliff's results are fraudulent, Sandy and Marion must choose between their dreams and the truth.

John Twelve Hawks (F Hawks)

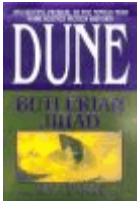
The Traveler - Three secret societies, the Travelers, the Harlequins, and the Tabula, head for a showdown when the mercenary Tabula who want to control the world, target Gabriel and Michael Corrigan who may have inherited their Traveler father's gifts as a prophet of wisdom, forcing Maya, a reluctant Harlequin, to take up her duties as sworn protector to the brothers



The Dark River - Brothers Gabriel and Michael Corrigan are shocked to learn they are Travelers, part of a centuries-old line of prophets who journey to different realms of consciousness to encourage others to resist their imprisonment by a ruthless group known as the Brethren, who control the world with a vast surveillance network

Brian Herbert (F Herbert)

Dune - The hopes of the Synchronized Worlds and Unallied Planets for peace, after centuries of war with the thinking machines, are dashed when Omnium unleashes virulent plagues throughout the galaxy, setting the stage for a final showdown in the Battle of Corrin.

**Carl Hiaasen (F Hiaasen)**

Flush - With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Hoot

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

*Sick Puppy*

Short-tempered environmentalist Twilly Spree, having sought retaliation against litterer Palmer Stoa by loading Stoa's Range Rover with a horde of hungry dung beetles, realizes he has hit the jackpot when he discovers Stoa is one of the movers and shakers in a plan to build a mall on a pristine Gulf Coast island.

Aldous Huxley (F Huxley)

Brave New World - The story is set in a London six hundred years in the future. People all around the world are part of a totalitarian state, free from war, hatred, poverty, disease, and pain. They enjoy leisure time, material wealth, and physical pleasures. However, in order to maintain such a smoothly running society, the ten people in charge of the world, the Controllers, eliminate most forms of freedom and twist around many traditionally held human values.

Daniel Keyes (F Keyes)

Flowers for Algernon - Charlie Gordon, born with an unusually low IQ, must face his gradual return to his former state when the astounding results of an experimental surgery that increased his intelligence prove to be only temporary

Raymond Khoury (F Khoury)

Sanctuary

An army unit on a routine mission in Baghdad in 2003 makes a horrifying discovery: a state-of-the-art concealed lab where dozens of men, women and children have died, the subjects of gruesome experiments. The mysterious scientist they were after, a man believed to be working on a bioweapon and known only as the hakeen has escaped, taking with him the startling truth about his work.

Stephen King (F King)

Cell - Maine artist Clayton Riddell, elated after closing the deal for his first comic book, comes down to Earth quickly when a brain-zapping energy burst--The Pulse--strikes, reducing cell phone users to zombie-like creatures, and leaving Clayton desperate to find a way home from Boston to see if his wife and son have survived

The Colorado Kid - When an unidentified man is found dead off the coast of Maine, a local newspaperman and a graduate student in forensics team up to identify the man and find out how he died.

David Klass (F Klass)

Firestorm - After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

Dean Koontz (F Koontz)

The Watchers - Relates the adventures of two creatures which have escaped from a secret, sinister government laboratory where experiments in genetic engineering are conducted

Edward Lerner (F Lerner)

Fool's Experiment - Computer scientist Doug Carey turns to unconventional measures to fight a destructive artificial life-form that was created by well-intentioned researchers in the laboratory and has escaped onto the Internet.

Camille Minichino (F Minichino)

The Nitrogen Murder – a Periodic Table Mystery - Retired physicist Gloria Lamerino and her fiancé, homicide detective Matt Gennaro, are pulled into another mystery when the groom at a friend's wedding disappears along with some top-secret research on nitrogen. If you liked this, try the *Oxygen Murder* or the *Carbon Murder* where Retired physicist and amateur sleuth Gloria Lamerino and her boyfriend, homicide detective Matt Gennaro, team up to investigate two homicides as well as find out who and why someone is stalking Gloria's Goddaughter, MC.

Elizabeth Moon

The Speed of Dark – Lou Arrendale, a high-functioning autistic adult, has a steady job, friends, and a passion for fencing, but when he comes under attack for refusing a controversial treatment for his disorder, his quiet life is turned upside-down and he fears the life he has grown accustomed to will be gone forever.

**James Patterson (F Patterson)**

The Lake House - Six genetically engineered children struggle to stay with the couple who saved them from their captors while one scientist hunts for the oldest girl, Max, who knows too much about his new, even more portentous project.

Douglas Preston (F Preston)

Blasphemy - Nobel laureate Gregory North Hazelius and his team of scientists prepare to test the world's largest supercollider in the hopes of proving what happened at the first moment of creation, despite the objections of religious fanatics, who fear they will disprove the existence of God, and government officials, who hope to use the team's research to create a super weapon that could destroy the earth.

Tyrannosaur Canyon - When Tom Broadbent comes across a dying man while riding through a New Mexico canyon, the man asks Tom to deliver a notebook containing mysterious numbers to his daughter, sending Tom on a dangerous journey that puts them in an assassin's path.

Mount Dragon - Guy Carlson, a scientist at a biotechnology company, volunteers to work at a secret facility where researchers are working on a cure for the flu, but it does not take him long to discover that something is terribly wrong with the project, and the results could be deadly.

Richard Preston (F Preston)

The Cobra Event - Dr. Alice Austen, an officer with the Epidemic Intelligence Service branch of the Centers for Disease Control, goes to New York to investigate the hideous and mysterious death of a seventeen-year-old girl, and uncovers a terrorist plot involving

the use of biological weapons. He also wrote the non fiction book *The Hot Zone*.

Kathy Reichs (F Reichs)

Bare Bones - Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan's plans for a long-overdue vacation with her boyfriend are delayed by some mysterious bones, a plane crash, and her daughter's new relationship.

Cross Bones— Forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan and detective Andrew Ryan's investigation of a murder victim in Montreal sends them to Israel to probe the origins of a skeleton and ancient crypt that may have a link to the Montreal case.

Death Du Jour - Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan digs up the grave of a nun who may qualify for sainthood in Montreal but finds they have been moved and tampered with, and when she makes a connection between an arson and a disappearance, she begins investigating a suspicious cult in a journey that takes her to her to the Carolinas and then back to Canada.

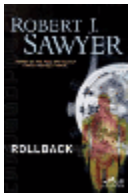
Deja Dead - Dr. Temperance Brennan, the Director of Forensic Anthropology for the province of Quebec, has a case which reminds her of a previous investigation and must convince the police they are dealing with a serial killer.

Grave Secrets - Facing the most heartbreaking case of her career, Temperance Brennan investigates shallow graves where fading clues begin to emerge of a brutal crime that was committed more than two decades ago.

Bones to Ashes -Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan is called to Acadia when the body of a young girl is found, and as she investigates the case, Temperance uncovers a startling link between the victim and her childhood friend, Evangeline, who disappeared more than twenty years earlier.

Robert Sawyer (F Sawyer)

Hominids - Nobel laureate Gregory North Hazelius and his team of scientists prepare to test the world's largest supercollider in the hopes of proving what happened at the first moment of creation, despite the objections of religious fanatics, who fear they will disprove the existence of God, and government officials, who hope to use the team's research to create a super weapon that could destroy the earth.



Rollback - Eighty-seven-year-old Dr. Sarah Halifax, the woman who decoded the first radio transmission from aliens nearly four decades earlier in 2009, is offered a chance to rollback time through an experimental rejuvenation procedure that would allow her to work on the just-received alien reply, but life gets complicated when she and her husband Don agree to the treatment, which works for him but not for her, leaving her with a twenty-five-year-old

spouse.

Kurt Vonnegut (F Vonnegut)

Galapagos – A small group of apocalypse survivors stranded on the Galapagos Islands are about to become the progenitors of a brave new human race.

Player Piano - Describes a future America in which computers solve all your problems, machines give you everything you need, and you are taken care of from cradle to grave by an industrial society.

H. G. Wells (F Wells)

The Time Machine - The Time Traveler first steps out of his magnificent time transport machine in the year 802,700! He finds the Earth populated by a race of slender pacifists and decides to study this lush land of flower people before returning to his own age.

War of the Worlds - The ultimate tale of Earth's invasion, written by one of the fathers of the science fiction genre. They came from a depleted, dying planet. Their target: the riches of a moist, green Earth. With horrifyingly advanced machines of destruction, they began their inexorable conquest. The war for Earth seemed destined to be ... but was it?

Jules Verne (F Verne)

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea - An American frigate tracks down a ship-sinking submarine commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo.

Journey to the Center of the Earth - Professor Lidenbrock, a neurotically impatient scientist, discovers a cryptic manuscript written by a long-dead explorer; with the help of his nephew, he decodes the cryptogram to read an account of a journey to the center of the earth begun beneath a dormant volcano in Iceland. The adventurers suffer several trials, daring risks, and finally discover a whole new world hidden miles below the earth's crust. The ultimate trial and danger they face consists of returning to the surface.

Robert Anton Wilson (F Wilson)

The Masks of the Illuminati - Unknown physics professor Albert Einstein and obscure Irishman James Joyce, drinking together in a Swiss rathskeller, put their heads together to solve a mystery brought to them by terror-stricken young Englishman, Sir John Babcock

Tom Wolfe (F Wolfe)

The Right Stuff - Discusses the lives, ambitions, thoughts, and feelings of American astronauts before, during, and after their historic flights.

Nancy Werlin (F Werlin)

Double Helix - Eli discovers a shocking secret about himself and his family while working for a Nobel winning scientists whose specialty is genetic engineering

Science Non Fiction

Use the call number to locate each book

Amir Aczel

Descartes Secret Notebook: A True Tale of Mathematics, Mysticism and The Quest to Understand the Universe (510 Acz) - Explores the mysterious work of seventeenth-century French philosopher and mathematician Rene Descartes, and examines his mathematical theories and his understanding of the order and mystery of the cosmos



John M. Barry

The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History (614.5 Bar) In the winter of 1918, history's most lethal influenza virus erupted in an army camp in Kansas and exploded killing as many as 100 million people worldwide. It killed more people in 24 weekend than AIDS has killed in 24 years. Chronicles the 1918 influenza epidemic, discussing why it was so lethal, how it spread throughout the American Midwest, what steps were taken to stop it, and how the country responded to the crisis

Michael Christopher Carrol

Lab 257 (614.5 Car) - Traces the history of Plum Island, an 840-acre island used by the United States government to study and create deadly biological viruses and weapons

Patricia Cornwell

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Portrait of a Killer Jack the Ripper, Case Closed (364.15 Cor) - Crime writer Patricia Cornwell uses historical documents and modern technological advances to try and identify the nineteenth-century killer Jack the Ripper.

James Cross Giblin

When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS (614.49 Gib) -

Recounts the stories of three major diseases that have ravaged humanity and changed the course of history.

Jared Diamond

Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies (304.5 Dia) – Reveals that environmental factors are actually responsible for history's broadest patterns

Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fall or Succeed (304.2 Dia) - seeks to understand the fates of past societies that collapsed for ecological reasons, combining the most important policy debate of this generation with the romance and mystery of lost worlds.

Timothy Ferris

Coming of Age in the Milky Way (509 Fer) - Traces the history of humanity's quest to understand the complexities of cosmic space and time, and introduces some of the people who advanced the understanding of astronomy. This is the best book about astronomy since Carl Sagan's Cosmos.

David Grinspoon

Lonely Planet (576.8 Gri) - Uses the topic of extraterrestrial life to view human beliefs, evolution, history, and aspirations, discussing humans' expanding awareness of other planets, cosmic evolution, and the limits of humans' abilities to communicate and conceptualize with intelligent aliens.

J. Richard Gott

Time Travel in Einstein's Universe (530.11 Got)

John Gribben

In Search of Schrodinger's Cat (530.12 Gri)

Stephen Hawking

A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes (523.1 Haw) - explains how modern physics attempts to understand how and why the universe exists.

A Briefer History of Time (523.1 Haw) - Presents a more simplified edition of the landmark work by physicist Stephen Hawking, describing his theories in a way that is more accessible to readers, providing information on the nature of space and time and the history and future of the universe

Homer Hickam

Rocket Boys (B Hickam) - Homer Hickam, the introspective son of a mine superintendent and a mother determined to get him out of Coalwood, West Virginia forever, nurtures a dream to send rockets into outer space--an ambition that changes his life and the lives of everyone living in Coalwood in 1957

Nina G. Jablonski

Skin: A Natural History (612.7 Jab) - Celebrates the evolution of three unique attributes of human skin: its unusual combination of hairlessness and sweatiness, its wide range of colors, and the wide array of decorations it can sport.

Steven Johnson

Mind Wide Open: Your Brain and the Neuroscience of Everyday Life (618.8 Joh) - Explores today's cutting-edge brain research and explains how the latest findings can reveal the essence of human personality and help people discover who they really are.



The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic (614.5 Joh) - Chronicles the outbreak and spread of Cholera in London during the summer of 1854 and the efforts of Reverend Henry Whitehead and Dr. John Snow who isolated the disease and put an end to the epidemic.

Daniel J. Levitin

This is Your Brain on Music (781 Lev) - Examines the psychological effects music has on people, investigating its role in human evolution, its effects on emotions, and how musical preferences and expertise are formed.

Jeffrey Lockwood

Locust: The Devastating Rise and Mysterious Disappearance of the Insect that Shaped the American Frontier (632.726 Loc) - Describes the destruction the Rocky Mountain locust wrought on American farm fields throughout the nineteenth century, discusses its impact on science and government, and investigates why it suddenly disappeared

Leonard Mlodinow

Feynman's Rainbow (530 Mlo) - Leonard Mlodinow chronicles his relationship with his mentor, physicist Richard Feynman, discussing how Feynman served as Mlodinow's mentor throughout his early career.

Richard Preston



The Demon in the Freezer (616.9 Pre)

Chronicles the reaction of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) to the September 11 attacks and the October 2001 anthrax attacks, focusing on USAMRIID's top virologist, Peter Jahrling, and his work to combat the possible development of a superpox virus by terrorists worldwide.

The Hot Zone (614.5 Pre)

Tells the dramatic story of U.S. Army scientists and soldiers who worked to stop the outbreak of a deadly and extremely contagious virus in 1989.

Panic in Level 4 (615.02 Pre)

Richard Preston shares true stories of some of the more disturbing and bizarre illnesses and plagues in the world and the scientists who are working to understand them, including the phenomenon of "self-cannibals," the Ebola virus, and others.

Wade Rowland

Galileo's Mistake (520.92 Row)

Reexamines the 1633 trial of Galileo by the Inquisition, arguing that the charges against him centered less on his claim that the planets revolve around the sun, and more on his insistence that only science could provide the truth about reality.

Mary Roach

Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers (611 Roa)

Explores how human cadavers have been used throughout history, discussing how the use of dead bodies has benefited every aspect of human existence.



Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife (129 Roa)

The author looks to science to determine whether the human soul exists in death, and travels to various places around the world to discuss supernatural occurrences with spirit guides and mediums.

Jessica Snyder Sacks

Good, Germs, Bad Germs: Health and Survival in a Bacterial World (616.9 Sac) -



argues that increased reliance on antibiotics is creating a health crisis that will impact future generations, explaining why people need to be exposed to all kinds of bacteria in order to maintain a healthy immune system, and encouraging people to

Carl Sagan

Comet (523.6 Sag) – explores the origin, nature, and future of comets, and the exotic myths and portents attached to them. The authors show how comets have spurred some of the great discoveries in the history of science and raise intriguing questions about these brilliant visitors from the interstellar dark.

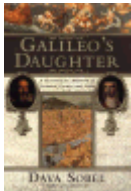
Cosmos (520 Sag) - Cosmos is the story of our long journey of discovery and the forces and individuals who helped to shape modern science, including Democritus, Hypatia, Kepler, Newton, Huy-gens, Champollion, Lowell and Humason. Sagan looks at our planet from an extra-terrestrial vantage point and sees a blue jewel-like world, inhabited by a lifeform that is just beginning to discover its own unity and to venture into the vast ocean of space.

Pale Blue Dot (629.45 Sag) -Pulitzer prize winner Carl Sagan brings us a thrilling, uplifting, and lavishly illustrated perspective on our place in the universe

Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors (304.2 Sag) - Investigates the origins of human life on Earth, reconstructing the links in the evolutionary chain from the primordial soup to early hominid ancestors

The Dragons of Eden (153 Sag) – Speculation on the origins of human intelligence

Dava Sobel

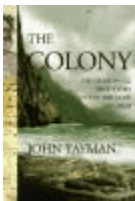


Galileo's Daughter (B Galileo) - Chronicles the life of Galileo Galilei, focusing on his relationship with his eldest child Virginia, and explaining how she helped influence her father's work.

Longitude (526 Sob) - The thorniest scientific problem of the eighteenth century was how to determine longitude. Many thousands of lives had been lost at sea over the centuries due to the inability to determine an east-west position. This is the engrossing story of the clockmaker, John "Longitude" Harrison, who solved the problem that Newton and Galileo had failed to conquer, yet claimed only half the promised rich reward.

Kathleen Stein

The Genius Engine (612.8 Ste) – provides an enthralling in-depth look at the wonders of our prefrontal cortex or PFC, which gives us the special flexibility to update information from moment to moment and how it controls our artistic and athletic intelligence and how it determines our moral compass. It examines how PFC orchestrates our entire mental universe



John Tayman

The Colony (614.5 Tay) - Presents the true story of the American leprosy colony on the Hawaiian island of Molokai during the mid-1800s and of the people who managed to survive under very hard circumstances.

Biographies

The Father of Forensics by Coliin Evans – (B Spilsbury) – this is the fascinating story of the life and work of Bernard Spilsbury, history's greatest medical detective and of the cases that not only made him a celebrity, but also inspired the astonishing science of criminal investigation in our own time.