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The Emergence of Life
on Earth Gateway
Editions

For 65 million years dinosaurs ruled the Earth-until a deadly asteroid forced their extinction. But what accounts for the incredible longevity of dinosaurs? A renowned

scientist now provides a startling explanation that is rewriting the history of the Age of Dinosaurs. Dinosaurs were pretty amazing creatures-real-life monsters that have the power to fascinate us. And their fiery Hollywood ending only serves to make the story that much more dramatic. But fossil evidence demonstrates that dinosaurs survived several mass extinctions, and were seemingly unaffected by catastrophes that decimated most other life on Earth. What could explain their uncanny ability to endure through the ages? Biologist and earth scientist Peter Ward now accounts for the remarkable indestructibility of dinosaurs by connecting their

unusual respiration system with their ability to adapt to Earth's changing environment-a system that was ultimately bequeathed to their descendants, birds. By tracing the evolutionary path back through time and carefully connecting the dots from birds to dinosaurs, Ward describes the unique form of breathing shared by these two distant relatives and demonstrates how this simple but remarkable characteristic provides the elusive explanation to a question that has thus far stumped scientists. Nothing short of revolutionary in its bold presentation of an astonishing theory, *Out of Thin Air* is a story of science at the edge of discovery. Ward is an outstanding

guide to the process of scientific detection. Audacious and innovative in his thinking, meticulous and thoroughly detailed in his research, only a scientist of his caliber is capable of telling this surprising story.

Life in Space

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An investigation into a 250-million-year-old environmental apocalypse that predated the age of the dinosaurs describes an event that caused the annihilation of ninety percent of all plant and animal species on Earth, taking a close up look at the prehistoric world of the gorgons, the causes of mass extinctions, and their implications for the future of humankind. Reprint.

The Flooded Earth

Bloomsbury Publishing
USA

Examines humanistic aspects of astrobiology, exploring approaches, critical issues, and implications of the discovery of extraterrestrial life.

The Cooperative

Gene Basic Books

This new volume of Methods in Enzymology continues the legacy of this premier serial with quality chapters authored by leaders in the field. Provides the authority and expertise of leading contributors from an international board of authors
Presents the latest release in the Methods in Enzymology series
The Medea Hypothesis
Princeton University Press
Why is life the way it

is? Bacteria evolved into complex life just once in four billion years of life on earth- and all complex life shares many strange properties, from sex to ageing and death. If life evolved on other planets, would it be the same or completely different? In *The Vital Question*, Nick Lane radically reframes evolutionary history, putting forward a cogent solution to conundrums that have troubled scientists for decades. The answer, he argues, lies in energy: how all life on Earth lives off a voltage with the strength of a bolt of lightning. In unravelling these scientific enigmas, making sense of life's quirks, Lane's explanation provides a solution to life's vital questions: why are we

as we are, and why are we here at all? This is ground-breaking science in an accessible form, in the tradition of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*, Richard Dawkins' *The Selfish Gene*, and Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs and Steel*. [*The Future of Evolution*](#) National Academies Press

The acclaimed author of *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat* searches for life on other planets. Are we alone in the universe? Surely amidst the immensity of the cosmos there must be other intelligent life out there. Don't be so sure, says John Gribbin, one of today's best popular science writers. In this fascinating and intriguing new book, Gribbin argues that the

very existence of intelligent life anywhere in the cosmos is, from an astrophysicist's point of view, a miracle. So why is there life on Earth and (seemingly) nowhere else? What happened to make this planet special? Taking us back some 600 million years, Gribbin lets you experience the series of unique cosmic events that were responsible for our unique form of life within the Milky Way Galaxy. Written by one of our foremost popular science writers, author of the bestselling *In Search of Schrödinger's Cat* Offers a bold answer to the eternal question, "Are we alone in the universe?" Explores how the impact of a "supercomet" with Venus 600 million

years ago created our moon, and along with it, the perfect conditions for life on Earth From one of our most talented science writers, this book is a daring, fascinating exploration into the dawning of the universe, cosmic collisions and their consequences, and the uniqueness of life on Earth.

Deep Life Harvard University Press

"Essential reading for people in disciplines ranging from philosophy to biology.

It is simply the best general book that I know on the question of the origin of life." --

Michael Ruse, author of *Mystery of Mysteries: Is Evolution a Social Construction?* "Fry has fashioned a masterful account of the history, philosophy, and

science of the origin of life and the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Her story weaves profound Western ideas of who we are and where we came from, from Aristotle to Gould, from Kant to NASA." --Woodruff Sullivan, University of Washington "A rich source for the specialist and thought-provoking reading for the lay person." Gunter Wachtershauser, University of Regensburg, Germany How did life emerge on Earth? Is there life on other worlds? These questions, until recently confined to the pages of speculative essays and tabloid headlines, are now the subject of legitimate scientific research. This book presents a unique perspective--a

combined historical, scientific, and philosophical analysis, which does justice to the complex nature of the subject. The book's first part offers an overview of the main ideas on the origin of life as they developed from antiquity until the twentieth century. The second, more detailed part of the book examines contemporary theories and major debates within the origin-of-life scientific community. Topics include: - Aristotle and the Greek atomists' conceptions of the organism - Alexander Oparin and J.B.S. Haldane's 1920s breakthrough papers - Possible life on Mars? [How to Find a Habitable Planet](#) Springer What determines whether complex life

will arise on a planet, or even any life at all? Questions such as these are investigated in this groundbreaking book. In doing so, the authors synthesize information from astronomy, biology, and paleontology, and apply it to what we know about the rise of life on Earth and to what could possibly happen elsewhere in the universe. Everyone who has been thrilled by the recent discoveries of extrasolar planets and the indications of life on Mars and the Jovian moon Europa will be fascinated by Rare Earth, and its implications for those who look to the heavens for companionship. Rare Earth-Based Corrosion Inhibitors
Baker Books

In order to use rare earths successfully in various applications, a good understanding of the chemistry of these elements is of paramount importance. Nearly three to four decades have passed since titles such as The Rare Earths edited by F.H. Spedding and A.H. Daane, The chemistry of the Rare Earth Elements by N.E. Topp and Complexes of the Rare Earths by S.P. Sinha were published. There have been many international conferences and symposia on rare earths, as well as the series of volumes entitled Handbook of Physics and Chemistry of Rare Earths edited by K.A. Gschneidner and L. Eyring. Thus, there is a need for a new title covering modern aspects of rare

earth complexes along with the applications. The present title consists of twelve chapters. 1. Introduction 2. General aspects 3. Stability of complexes 4. Lanthanide complexes 5. Structural chemistry of lanthanide compounds 6. Organometallic complexes 7. Kinetics and mechanisms of rare earths complexation 8. Spectroscopy of lanthanide complexes 9. Photoelectron spectroscopy of rare earths 10. Lanthanide NMR shift reagents 11. Environmental ecological biological aspects 12. Applications The authors studied in schools headed by pioneers in rare earth chemistry, have a combined experience

of one hundred and fifty years in inorganic chemistry, rare earth complex chemistry, nuclear and radiochemistry of rare earths and supramolecular chemistry. The present monograph is a product of this rich experience.

Extraterrestrials

Macmillan

Read how you want 16 point large print. Sea level rise will be an unavoidable part of our future, no matter what we do. Even if we stopped all carbon dioxide emissions today, the seas will rise three feet by 2050 and nine feet by 2100. This- not drought, species extinction, or excessive heat waves - will be the most dramatic effect of global warming.

The Life and Death of

Planet Earth Springer Astrobiology involves the study of the origin and history of life on Earth, planets and moons where life may have arisen, and the search for extraterrestrial life. It combines the sciences of biology, chemistry, palaeontology, geology, planetary physics and astronomy. This textbook brings together world experts in each of these disciplines to provide the most comprehensive coverage of the field currently available. Topics cover the origin and evolution of life on Earth, the geological, physical and chemical conditions in which life might arise and the detection of extraterrestrial life on other planets and

moons. The book also covers the history of our ideas on extraterrestrial life and the origin of life, as well as the ethical, philosophical and educational issues raised by astrobiology. Written to be accessible to students from diverse backgrounds, this text will be welcomed by advanced undergraduates and graduates who are taking astrobiology courses.

Planets and Life Rare Earth

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and paleontology, and apply it to what we know about the rise of life on Earth and to what could possibly happen elsewhere in the universe. Everyone who has been thrilled by the recent discoveries of extrasolar planets and the indications of life on Mars and the Jovian moon Europa will be fascinated by Rare Earth, and its implications for those who look to the heavens for companionship.

Life on a Young Planet

Rutgers University
Press

Rare Earths elements are composed of 15 chemical elements in the periodic table. Scandium and yttrium have similar properties, with mineral assemblages, and are therefore referred alike

in the literature.

Although abundant in the planet surface, the Rare Earths are not found in concentrated forms, thus making them economically valued as they are so challenging to obtain. *Rare Earths Industry: Technological, Economic and Environmental Implications* provides an interdisciplinary orientation to the topic of Rare Earths with a focus on technical, scientific, academic, economic, and environmental issues. Part I of book deals with the Rare Earths Reserves and Mining, Part II focuses on Rare Earths Processes and High-Tech Product Development, and Part III deals with Rare Earths Recycling Opportunities and Challenges. The

chapters provide updated information and priceless analysis of the theme, and they seek to present the latest techniques, approaches, processes and technologies that can reduce the costs of compliance with environmental concerns in a way it is possible to anticipate and mitigate emerging problems. Discusses the influence of policy on Rare Earth Elements to help raise interest in developing strategies for management resource development and exploitation Global contributions will address solutions in countries that are high RE producers, including China, Brazil, Australia, and South China End of chapter critical summaries outline the technological, economic and

environmental implications of rare earths reserves, exploration and market Provides a concise, but meaningful, geopolitical analysis of the current worldwide scenario and importance of rare earths exploration for governments, corporate groups, and local stakeholders Rare Earth W. W. Norton & Company Experts critically examine the belief that other intelligent life exists in our galaxy. Life Everywhere Princeton University Press The phenomenon of evolution, throughout its present stage, has proceeded spontaneously and by astounding chance by accident. But beginning with the imminent, radical,

evolutionary leap, it will have to be engineered and constructed by the very subject of that evolution, ourselves. The present scholarly volume offers a careful and creative consideration of many of the factors comprising the taskaphilosophical (especially), psychological, spiritual, religious, and theological along with provocative reflections on their nature and prospective realization. The work as original inspiration is in the pioneering groundwork of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; but then its reflections paint a considerably wider, and to some extent alternative, picture with a set of assignments to pass (after creating them!),

along the optimistic, wonderful route that challenges the humanity of today and tomorrow.

Out of Thin Air

Cambridge University Press

Longlisted for the 2015 PEN/E.O. Wilson

Literary Science

Writing Award Short-

listed for Physics

World's Book of the

Year The Sunday Times

(UK) Best Science Book

of 2014 A Publishers

Weekly Top 10 Science

Book of Fall 2014 An

NBC News Top Science

and Tech Book of 2014

A Politics & Prose 2014

Staff Pick In the

sixteenth century,

Nicolaus Copernicus

dared to go against the

establishment by

proposing that Earth

rotates around the

Sun. Having demoted

Earth from its unique

position in the cosmos

to one of mediocrity, Copernicus set in motion a revolution in scientific thought. This perspective has influenced our thinking for centuries. However, recent evidence challenges the Copernican Principle, hinting that we do in fact live in a special place, at a special time, as the product of a chain of unlikely events. But can we be significant if the Sun is still just one of a billion trillion stars in the observable universe? And what if our universe is just one of a multitude of others—a single slice of an infinity of parallel realities? In *The Copernicus Complex*, the renowned astrophysicist Caleb Scharf takes us on a scientific adventure, from tiny microbes

within the Earth to distant exoplanets, probability theory, and beyond, arguing that there is a solution to this contradiction, a third way of viewing our place in the cosmos, if we weigh the evidence properly. As Scharf explains, we do occupy an unusual time in a 14-billion-year-old universe, in a somewhat unusual type of solar system surrounded by an ocean of unimaginable planetary diversity: hot Jupiters with orbits of less than a day, planet-size rocks spinning around dead stars, and a wealth of alien super-Earths. Yet life here is built from the most common chemistry in the universe, and we are a snapshot taken from billions of years of biological evolution. Bringing us to the

cutting edge of scientific discovery, Scharf shows how the answers to fundamental questions of existence will come from embracing the peculiarity of our circumstance without denying the Copernican vision. With characteristic verve, Scharf uses the latest scientific findings to reconsider where we stand in the balance between cosmic significance and mediocrity, order and chaos. Presenting a compelling and bold view of our true status, *The Copernicus Complex* proposes a way forward in the ultimate quest: determining life's abundance, not just across this universe but across all realities.

The Copernicus Complex Springer

Science & Business Media
 APPENDIX A: Chronology of the Exploration of Subsurface Life --
 APPENDIX B: Chronology of the Meeting of the U.S. DOE's SSP Meetings --
 NOTES -- REFERENCES -- INDEX
Modern Aspects of Rare Earths and their Complexes Princeton University Press
 Winner of the 2019 Phi Beta Kappa Award for Science "A valuable perspective on the most important problem of our time."
 —Adam Becker, NPR
 Light of the Stars tells the story of humanity's coming of age as we realize we might not be alone in this universe. Astrophysicist Adam Frank traces the question of alien life from the ancient

Greeks to modern thinkers, and he demonstrates that recognizing the possibility of its existence might be the key to save us from climate change. With clarity and conviction, *Light of the Stars* asks the consequential question: What can the likely presence of life on other planets tell us about our own fate?

Rare Earth Cambridge University Press
Draws on current findings in astrobiology to chart the story of the second half of the planet Earth's life, predicting that the process of planetary evolution will effectively reverse itself until life discontinues and the world becomes engulfed by an expanding sun.
Reprint. 17,500 first

printing.

A New History of Life
Penguin

Origins of the Earth, Moon, and Life in the Solar System: An Interdisciplinary Approach presents state-of-the-art knowledge that is based on theories, experiments, observations, calculations, and analytical data from five astro-sciences, astronomy, astrobiology, astrogeology, astrophysics, and cosmochemistry. Beginning with the origin of elements, and moving on to cover the formation of the early Solar System, the giant impact model of the Earth and Moon, the oldest records of life, and the possibility of life on other planets in the Solar System, this

interdisciplinary reference provides a complex understanding of the planets and the formation of life. Synthesizing concepts from all branches of astro-sciences into one, the book is a valuable reference for researchers in astrogeology, astrophysics, cosmochemistry, astrobiology, astronomy, and other space science fields, helping users better understand the intersection of these sciences. Includes

extensive figures and tables to enhance key concepts Uses callout boxes throughout to provide context and deeper explanations Presents up-to-date information on the universe, stars, planets, moons, and life in the solar system Combines knowledge from the fields of astrogeology, astrophysics, cosmochemistry, astrobiology, and astronomy, helping readers understand the origins of the Earth, the moon, and life in our solar system