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Edmond Halley David Carl Ipsen,2004-11 Describes information about Edmond Halley and his other contributions to science and the world **Edmond Halley: More Than A Man with A Comet** D. C. Ipsen,2004-11 Today Edmond Halley is known as the scientist whose comet returns every 75 years or so But he was a man of many talents who did much more than make a prediction about a comet that happen to appear during his time Probably Halley s biggest impact on history was from an idea for finding the distance to the sun After viewing a transit of Mercury across the sun s face during a starmapping trip to the southern hemisphere Halley hit on the idea of timing a transit of Venus in different parts of the world as a way of discovering the distance to the sun Halley s scheme would eventually send Captain James Cook on his first voyage into the South Pacific aboard Endeavour years after Halley s death Halley himself made several scientific trips to southern waters His aim was to investigate the earth s magnetic field but he was also charged with attempting to discover new lands in the South Atlantic Beyond a scrap of land many miles off the coast of Brazil he found nothing new in the way of land But measurements of the earth s magnetism gave support for his ingenious theory of how the earth is put together Adventurer Halley also gained fame as an early underwater explorer He developed a diving bell and a diving helmet and used them under the waters of the English Channel intending eventually to hunt for sunken treasure Halley was surely the 17th century s most active promoter of science serving for years as editor for publications of the influential Royal Society He is acclaimed for encouraging the reluctant Isaac Newton to publish his ideas about motion and gravity Altogether Halley gave the world much more than a name for a speedy comet **How James Watt Invented the Copier** René Schils,2011-12-15 Features 25

different scientists and the ideas which may not have made them famous but made history Typically we remember our greatest scientists from one single invention one new formula or one incredible breakthrough This narrow perspective does not give justice to the versatility of many scientists who also earned a reputation in other areas of science James Watt for instance is known for inventing the steam engine yet most people do not know that he also invented the copier Alexander Graham Bell of course invented the telephone but only few know that he invented artificial breathing equipment a prototype of the iron lung Edmond Halley whose name is associated with the comet that visits Earth every 75 years produced the first mortality tables used for life insurances This entertaining book is aimed at anyone who enjoys reading about inventions and discoveries by the most creative minds Detailed illustrations of the forgotten designs and ideas enrich the work throughout

Halley's Quest Julie Wakefield,2005-10-20 For most people Edmond Halley is best known for accurately predicting the periodic appearance of the comet that ultimately would bear his name But his greatest achievement may have been overlooked indeed few people know that it was Halley who solved the riddle of accurate navigation for all sea going vessels As seventeenth century scientists gradually came to believe that the inside of the Earth was magnetized they were puzzled by the fact magnetic north not only varied slightly from place to place but gradually changed over time suggesting a slow

variation of the Earth's magnetic field But if the Earth was permanently magnetized how could its magnetism vary Edmond Halley Britain's Astronomer Royal ingeniously proposed that the Earth contained a number of spherical shells one inside the other each magnetized differently each slowly rotating in relation to the others This brilliant deduction earned Halley the command of a small sailing ship the 52 foot Paramore and with it a royal mandate Halley was to sail forth to stand so far into the South till you discover the Coast of the Terra Incognita But more importantly determine the variation between true and magnetic north in order to more accurately calculate longitude a feat that would improve Britain's navigational skills and ensure its dominance of the high seas Halley's Quest takes readers on a trilogy of sea voyages each of which proved to be as novel and revealing as it was difficult and controversial But more than a yarn of risk and adventure the story at the core of the book is a deeply personal and intellectual tale that captures the science and the spirit of an almost forgotten episode in the history of navigation Once branded a heretic by the Church and denied a prestigious scholarly chair at Oxford University Halley ultimately changed the course of science producing charts that described more accurate ways to navigate and documenting new geophysical phenomena ranging from ocean patterns to the motion of Jupiter's moons This delightful book emphasizes the drama of Halley's mission and the passion of an era hungry for the stories science had to tell **Suns,**

Myths, and Men Patrick Moore, 1969 The Mathematics Of Natural Catastrophes Gordon Woo, 1999-10-15 This is a unique book about natural catastrophes focusing on the mathematical aspects of these phenomena Although academic in style and didactic in purpose it is practical in the treatment of the diverse issues covered which range from hazard warning and forecasting to engineering design criteria and insurance loss estimation Addressing as it does many mathematical topics not found together in a single volume the book should be of value to all those with a quantitative educational interest in or professional concern for natural catastrophes *Cosmic Discoveries* David H. Levy, 2010-09-09 For many millennia the starry night sky has been a source of wonder and awe to men and women who have tried to unravel the mystery of the billion distant lights that fill the heavens after dark The story of the great discoverers who succeeded in explaining part of the mystery is told here with the joy and infectious enthusiasm that only a fellow discoverer can convey David Levy codiscoverer of Comet Shoemaker Levy 9 with his wife Wendee Wallach Levy evokes that marvelous moment of Eureka as he masterfully relates each story He gives the reader a glimpse of the enthralling adventure of cosmic discovery through stories of the most famous and brilliant astronomers Beyond their personal accomplishments these scientists expanded all of humanity's understanding of the universe and our place within it For example Galileo's breathtaking discovery of the moons of Jupiter new worlds that refused to orbit the sun challenged the whole doctrine of the earth being the center of the universe With the start of the 20th century Shapley pushed back the envelope that had been opened by Galileo by proving that the center of our galaxy is very far beyond our own sun And Hubble showed that even our galaxy is but a tiny part of a universe that is rapidly expanding In describing these milestones of science Levy reveals his own spirited conversations with such luminaries of the

imagination as the discoverer of the planet Pluto Clyde Tombaugh and one of the world's greatest science fiction writers Sir Arthur C Clarke Through Levy's unique perspective on cosmic discovery he is able to connect his own personal life story with that of astronomers of the past and by extension with the history of the whole universe As the codiscoverer of the spectacular comet that crashed into Jupiter Levy formulated a whole new range of exciting questions about the universe Do comets serve to transport the elements of life from one planet to the next What is the evidence that a large comet once hit the earth Will the earth someday be in danger of colliding with another such comet and will we have the technology to stop it This fascinating book will excite any of us who have stared at the night sky in awe and amazement David Levy and Wendee Wallach Levy Vail AZ are continuing their ongoing search for new comets David Levy is the president of the Jarnac Observatory science editor for PARADE magazine a contributing editor to Sky and Telescope and Sky News magazines and the author of Starry Nights The Quest for Comets and Impact Jupiter among other books *Who Discovered What When* Arron Wood, David Ellyard, 2005 You need no specialised knowledge of science to find interest and value in this unique book The author's grasp of all spheres of science is so firm that he can explain complex ideas with startling clarity Each chapter covers a half century and the pithy 200-300 word stories are arranged chronologically **Our Place in the Universe** Norman K. Glendenning, 2007 A day without yesterday Formation of galaxies Birth and life of stars Supernovae Death and transfiguration of stars Nebulae Spacetime relativity and superdense matter *Notes on dr. Edmond Halley [&c. A scrapbook of extr. from The New York geneal. and biogr. record, Notes and queries &c.]*. Compiled by E.F. McPike Eugene Fairfield McPike, 1903 **Patrick Moore's Data Book of Astronomy** Patrick Moore, Robin Rees, 2014-01-16 Packed with up to date astronomical data about the Solar System our Galaxy and the wider Universe this is a one stop reference for astronomers of all levels It gives the names positions sizes and other key facts of all the planets and their satellites discusses the Sun in depth from sunspots to solar eclipses lists the dates for cometary returns close approach asteroids and significant meteor showers and includes 88 star charts with the names positions magnitudes and spectra of the stars along with key data on nebulae and clusters Full of facts and figures this is the only book you need to look up data about astronomy It is destined to become the standard reference for everyone interested in astronomy Volcanism, Impacts, and Mass Extinctions: Causes and Effects Gerta Keller, Andrew C. Kerr, 2014-09-16 Comprises articles stemming from the March 2013 international conference at London's Natural History Museum Researchers across geological geophysical and biological disciplines present key results from research concerning the causes of mass extinction events The Starlight Night David H. Levy, 2015-11-05 In this updated second edition renowned amateur comet searcher David H Levy expands on his work about the intricate relationship between the night sky and the works of English Literature This revised and expanded text includes new sections on Alfred Lord Tennyson and Gerald Manley Hopkins both amateur astronomers extending the time period analyzed in the first edition from early modern literature to encompass the Victorian age Although the sky enters into

much of literature through the ages British authors offer an especially fertile connection to the heavens and Levy links the works of seminal authors from Shakespeare on to specific celestial events and scientific advances From the impact of comets and supernovae to eclipses Levy s ultimate goal in this book is to inspire his readers to do the same thing as their ancestors did so long ago look up and appreciate the stars His insights in this revised book spread farther and wider than ever before in this learned and enchanting tour of the skies

Solar System Maps Nick Kanas,2013-09-25 In recent years there has been increased interest in our Solar System This has been prompted by the launching of giant orbiting telescopes and space probes the discovery of new planetary moons and heavenly bodies that orbit the Sun and the demotion of Pluto as a planet In one generation our place in the heavens has been challenged but this is not unusual Throughout history there have been a number of such world views Initially Earth was seen as the center of the universe and surrounded by orbiting planets and stars Then the Sun became the center of the cosmos Finally there was no center just a vast array of galaxies with individual stars some with their own retinue of planets This allowed our Solar System to be differentiated from deep sky objects but it didn t lose its mystery as more and more remarkable bodies were discovered within its boundaries This book tells the exciting story of how we have conceptualized and mapped our Solar System from antiquity to modern times In addition to the complete text this story is made more vivid by 162 Solar System and planetary maps diagrams and images over a third in color direct quotes and figures from antiquarian contemporary and Space Age documents and photographs that allow the reader to track how humans have viewed the Solar System from original sources nine tables that compare the various world views relative planetary positions and components of the Solar System with each other Broad in scope and rich in imagery this book will draw the reader into the story of our Solar System and how it has been mapped since the beginning of recorded time

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Legends of the Pyramids lays open pop culture's view of Egypt in movies TV shows popular books and New Age beliefs detailing how the hidden history of Egypt has grown alongside the official history of archaeology and Egyptology *Below the Convergence* Alan Gurney, 2007-02-27 This wonderfully written book tells of the first Herculean expeditions to Antarctica from astronomer Edmond Halley's 1699 voyage in the Paramore to the sealer John Balleny's 1839 excursion in the Eliza Scott all in search of land glory fur science and profit Life was harsh crews had poor provisions and inadequate clothing and scurvy was a constant threat With unreliable often homemade charts these intrepid explorers sailed in the stormy waters of the Southern Ocean below the Convergence that sea frontier marking the boundary between the freezing Antarctic waters and the warmer sub Antarctic seas These men were the first to discover and exploit a new continent which was not the verdant southern island they had imagined but an inhospitable expanse of rock and ice ringed by pack ice and icebergs Antarctica 18 illustrations 15 maps

Celestial Aspirations Philip Hardie, 2022-03-01 A unique look at how classical notions of ascent and flight preoccupied early modern British writers and artists Between the late sixteenth century and early nineteenth century the British imagination poetic political intellectual spiritual and religious displayed a pronounced fascination with images of ascent and flight to the heavens Celestial Aspirations explores how British literature and art during that period exploited classical representations of these soaring themes through philosophical scientific and poetic flights of the mind the ascension of the disembodied soul and the celestial glorification of the ruler From textual reachings for the heavens in Spenser Marlowe Shakespeare Donne and Cowley to the ceiling paintings of Rubens Verrio and Thornhill Philip Hardie focuses on the ways that the history ideologies and aesthetics of the postclassical world received and transformed the ideas of antiquity In England narratives of ascent appear on the grandest scale in Milton's Paradise Lost an epic built around a Christian plot of falling and rising and one of the most intensely classicizing works of English poetry Examining the reception of flight up to the Romanticism of Wordsworth and Tennyson Hardie considers the Whig sublime as well as the works of Alexander Pope and Edward Young Throughout he looks at motivations both public and private for aspiring to the heavens as a reward for political and military achievement on the one hand and as a goal of individual intellectual and spiritual exertion on the other Celestial Aspirations offers an intriguing look at how creative minds reworked ancient visions of time and space in the early modern era

The Principles of the Trinary Universe Jeffrey Flesher, **The Year of the Geek** James Clarke, 2017-10-19 The Year of the Geek is a fascinating look into geek culture Each day will tell a different story from the sci fi universe from famous franchises and figures such as Star Wars The Matrix Peter Jackson and Luc Besson to lesser known stories including the French cult classic City of Lost Children the Japanese anime Akira and bestselling German novelist Marcus Heitz With text written by self confessed geek James Clarke and accompanied by over 100 infographics that have been specially commissioned for this book The Year of the Geek celebrates all things geek in a new and intriguing way

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