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*Billions & Billions* Editorial San Pablo

A prescient warning of a future we now inhabit, where fake news stories and Internet conspiracy theories play to a disaffected American populace “A glorious book . . . A spirited defense of science . . . From the first page to the last, this book is a manifesto for clear thought.”—Los Angeles Times How can we make intelligent decisions about our increasingly technology-driven lives if we don’t understand the difference between the myths of pseudoscience and the testable hypotheses of science? Pulitzer Prize-winning author and distinguished astronomer Carl Sagan argues that scientific thinking is critical not only to the pursuit of truth but to the very well-being of our democratic institutions. Casting a wide net through history and culture, Sagan examines and authoritatively debunks such celebrated fallacies of the past as witchcraft, faith healing, demons, and UFOs. And yet, disturbingly, in today’s so-called information age, pseudoscience is burgeoning with stories of alien abduction, channeling past lives, and communal hallucinations commanding growing attention and respect. As Sagan demonstrates with lucid eloquence, the siren song of unreason is not just a cultural wrong turn but a dangerous plunge into darkness that threatens our most basic freedoms. Praise for *The Demon-Haunted World* “Powerful . . . A stirring defense of informed rationality. . . Rich in surprising information and beautiful writing.”—The Washington Post Book World “Compelling.”—USA Today “A clear vision of what good science means and why it makes a difference. . . . A testimonial to the power of science and a warning of the dangers of unrestrained credulity.”—The Sciences “Passionate.”—San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle

Carl Sagan Digital Inspiration

RETURNING TO TELEVISION AS AN ALL-NEW MINISERIES ON FOX *Cosmos* is one of the bestselling science books of all time. In clear-eyed prose, Sagan reveals a jewel-like blue world inhabited by a life form that is just beginning to discover its own identity and to venture into the vast ocean of space. Featuring a new Introduction by Sagan’s collaborator, Ann Druyan, full color illustrations, and a new Foreword by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, *Cosmos* retraces the fourteen billion years of cosmic evolution that have transformed matter into consciousness, exploring such topics as the origin of life, the human brain, Egyptian hieroglyphics, spacecraft missions, the death of the Sun, the evolution of galaxies, and the forces and individuals who helped to shape modern science. Praise for *Cosmos* “Magnificent . . . With a lyrical literary style, and a range that touches almost all aspects of human knowledge, *Cosmos* often seems too good to be true.”—The Plain Dealer “Sagan is an astronomer with one eye on the stars, another on history, and a third—his mind’s—on the human condition.”—Newsday “Brilliant in its scope and provocative in its suggestions . . . shimmers with a sense of wonder.”—The Miami Herald “Sagan dazzles the mind with the miracle of our survival, framed by the stately galaxies of space.”—Cosmopolitan “Enticing . . . iridescent . . . imaginatively illustrated.”—The New York Times Book Review

*El mundo y sus demonios* Ballantine Books

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and astronomer Carl Sagan imagines the greatest adventure of all—the discovery of an advanced civilization in the depths of space. In December of 1999, a multinational team journeys out to the stars, to the most awesome encounter in human history. Who—or what—is out there? In *Cosmos*, Carl Sagan explained the universe. In *Contact*, he predicts its future—and our own.

*The Demon-Haunted World* Arpa

Neil deGrasse Tyson’s #1 New York Times best-selling guide to the cosmos, adapted for young readers. From the basics of physics to big questions about the nature of space and time, celebrated astrophysicist and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson breaks down the mysteries of the cosmos into bite-sized pieces. *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* describes the fundamental rules and unknowns of our universe clearly—and with Tyson’s characteristic wit, there’s a lot of fun thrown in, too. This adaptation by Gregory Mone includes full-color photos, infographics, and extra explanations to make even the trickiest concepts accessible. Building on the wonder inspired by outer space, *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* introduces an exciting field and the principles of scientific inquiry to young readers.

*Contact* Lulu.com

Jezebel died 3,000 years ago. But her spirit lives today. Jezebel was the most wicked woman in the Bible, a powerful seductress who killed the prophets, led Israel into idolatry and immorality, and emasculated men. She was seductive and determined to snuff out the voices coming against her, because these voices were calling out for repentance. In twenty-first-century America, Jezebel is not a person. But it’s as if the spirit of Jezebel is alive again today. The influence of the same demonic force is being felt in the massive increase of pornography and sexual temptation, the militant spirit of abortion, the rise of radical feminism, and most importantly, in the attempt to silence prophetic voices. Just as Jezebel clashed with strong men almost three thousand years ago, the demonic spirit of Jezebel is powerful in America, and it is going after the church. This eye-opening book not only unveils the satanic plot to destroy America, beginning with an all-out assault on the church, but it will equip every believer with tools to defeat the enemy in their own personal lives as well as in the nation. This book will show you how the spirit of Jezebel is active in America today and teach you how to protect the church. OTHER BOOKS BY MICHAEL L. BROWN, PHD: *Playing With Holy Fire* (2018) ISBN-13: 978-1629994987 *The Power of Music* (2019) ISBN-13: 978-1629995953 *Breaking the Stronghold of Food* (2017) ISBN-13: 978-1629990996

**El mundo y sus demonios** Charisma Media

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Asylum* comes the final book in the creepy fantasy series praised as “darkly delightful.”\* Fleeing the nightmares of Coldthistle House, Louisa and her friends have taken up in a posh new London residence. But religious zealots from the shepherd’s army are flocking to the city in droves, and ominous warnings are being left on Louisa’s very doorstep. With the evil influence of her father’s spirit growing stronger, Louisa knows she’ll have to pick a side in the coming war between the old gods, whether she’d like to or not. Louisa will do whatever it takes to save herself—even if it means returning to Coldthistle House. And when she

strikes another devil's bargain with Mr. Morningside, she's forced to join his supernatural staff on a journey to a gateway between worlds, a place of legend: the Tomb of Ancients. But as always, Louisa knows there's a catch. . . In this epic finale to Madeleine Roux's gripping House of Furies series, eerie photographs and beautiful illustrations from artist Iris Compiet help bring to life a world where gods and monsters are at war—and no one will escape the battle unscathed. \*Publishers Weekly

The Colour Monster Random House

The murder of a world-famous physicist raises fears that the Illuminati are operating again after centuries of silence, and religion professor Robert Langdon is called in to assist with the case.

**Devil, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare** Viking

"Fascinating . . . memorable . . . revealing . . . perhaps the best of Carl Sagan's books."—The Washington Post Book World (front page review) In *Cosmos*, the late astronomer Carl Sagan cast his gaze over the magnificent mystery of the Universe and made it accessible to millions of people around the world. Now in this stunning sequel, Carl Sagan completes his revolutionary journey through space and time. Future generations will look back on our epoch as the time when the human race finally broke into a radically new frontier—space. In *Pale Blue Dot*, Sagan traces the spellbinding history of our launch into the cosmos and assesses the future that looms before us as we move out into our own solar system and on to distant galaxies beyond. The exploration and eventual settlement of other worlds is neither a fantasy nor luxury, insists Sagan, but rather a necessary condition for the survival of the human race. "Takes readers far beyond *Cosmos* . . . Sagan sees humanity's future in the stars."—Chicago Tribune

*Cosmos* Penguin

"The Lord has shown me that Satan was once an honored angel in heaven, next to Jesus Christ. His countenance was mild, expressive of happiness like the other angels. His forehead was high and broad, and showed great intelligence. His form was perfect. He had noble, majestic bearing. And I saw that when God said to his Son, Let us make man in our image, Satan was jealous of Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man. He was filled with envy, jealousy and hatred. He wished to be the highest in heaven, next to God, and receive the highest honors. Until this time all heaven was in order, harmony and perfect subjection to the government of God."—Ellen G White

*El mundo y sus demonios* Univ. Nacional de Colombia

A Science News Favorite Science Book of 2018 "A sweeping, glorious story of hormones, threaded through with sex, suffering, neurology, biology, medicine, and self-discovery." —Siddhartha Mukherjee Metabolism, behavior, sleep, mood swings, the immune system, fighting, fleeing, puberty, and sex: these are just a few of the things our bodies control with hormones. Armed with a healthy dose of wit and curiosity, medical journalist Randi Hutter Epstein reveals the "invigorating history" (Nature) of hormones and the age-old quest to control them through the back rooms, basements, and labs where endocrinology began.

Pale Blue Dot Ballantine Books

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In the final book of his astonishing career, Carl Sagan brilliantly examines the burning questions of our lives, our world, and the universe around us. These luminous,

entertaining essays travel both the vastness of the cosmos and the intimacy of the human mind, posing such fascinating questions as how did the universe originate and how will it end, and how can we meld science and compassion to meet the challenges of the coming century? Here, too, is a rare, private glimpse of Sagan's thoughts about love, death, and God as he struggled with fatal disease. Ever forward-looking and vibrant with the sparkle of his unquenchable curiosity, *Billions & Billions* is a testament to one of the great scientific minds of our day. Praise for *Billions & Billions* "[Sagan's] writing brims with optimism, clarity and compassion."—Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel "Sagan used the spotlight of his fame to illuminate the abyss into which stupidity, greed, and the lust for power may yet dump us. All of those interests and causes are handsomely represented in *Billions & Billions*."—The Washington Post Book World "Astronomer Carl Sagan didn't live to see the millennium, but he probably has done more than any other popular scientist to prepare us for its arrival."—Atlanta Journal & Constitution "Billions & Billions can be interpreted as the Silent Spring for the current generation. . . . Human history includes a number of leaders with great minds who gave us theories about our universe and origins that ran contrary to religious dogma. Galileo determined that the Earth revolved around the Sun, not the other way around. Darwin challenged Creationism with his *Evolution of Species*. And now, Sagan has given the world its latest challenge: *Billions & Billions*."—San Antonio Express-News "[Sagan's] inspiration and boundless curiosity live on in the gift of his work."—Seattle Times & Post-Intelligencer "Couldn't stay awake in your high school science classes? This book can help fill in the holes. Acclaimed scientist Carl Sagan combines his logic and knowledge with wit and humor to make a potentially dry subject enjoyable to read."—The Dallas Morning News

*Del cáncer y sus demonios* National Geographic Books

"*Cosmos: Possible Worlds* travels through more than 14 billion years of cosmic evolution and into an astonishing future where probes travel by light beams to distant stars, helping us solve enduring mysteries of our origins and dream toward an unimaginable time ahead."--

**Carl Sagan** Ballantine Books

Heritage Edition—Over 100 illustrations of a century ago. Unabridged, original text consisting of inspiring and profound lessons from the stories and parables which Jesus told. Christ the Great Teacher gave much of His instruction as He walked with His disciples through the hills and valleys of Palestine or rested by the lake or river. In His parable teaching He linked divine truth with common things and incidents, as may be found in the experiences of the shepherd, the builder, the tiller of the soil, the traveler, and the homemaker. Familiar objects were associated with thoughts true and beautiful—thoughts of God's loving interest in us, of the grateful homage that is His due, and of the care we should have one for another. Thus lessons of divine wisdom and practical truth were made forcible and impressive. The Scripture says, "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; . . . that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Matt. 13:34, 35. Natural things were the medium for the spiritual; the things of nature and the life-experience of His hearers were connected with the truths of the written word. Leading thus from the natural to the spiritual kingdom, Christ's parables are links in the chain of truth that unites man with God, and earth with heaven. In this volume the parables are grouped according to their subjects,

and their lessons are developed and illustrated. The book is full of gems of truth, and to many readers it will give a richer meaning to the common surroundings of everyday life.

**La ciencia y sus demonios** Phoenix Books

El autor es pariente del cielo, por parte del Sol, y pariente de la Tierra, por parte de una celulita anónima que vivió hace tres mil quinientos millones de años. Desde su observatorio astronómico, él mira hacia arriba, hacia abajo y a los costados, y así va espiando los pasos de sus dos familias. En este libro, nos invita a compartir lo que ve. Vale la pena hacerle caso: este científico raro escribe con buena música, letra clara y sentido del humor. Se agradece. Eduardo Galeano

**Broca's Brain** Penguin

Cómo los grandes científicos recurrieron a la figura del Demonio para avanzar en sus teorías y revolucionar el mundo. Desde los comienzos de la ciencia, la palabra «demonio» empezó a usarse para designar algo que rompía con nuestra comprensión de la naturaleza. A estos enigmas se les distinguió con el apellido del científico que se topó con ellos y que emprendió un viaje hacia lo desconocido, intentando comprenderlos mejor. El llamado demonio de Descartes —una criatura con el poder de alterar nuestra realidad sensorial— inauguró una tradición que siguieron Laplace, Maxwell, Einstein, Feynman, etc., y que continúa hasta hoy. Estos seres viven al margen del bien y el mal, sorprendiendo a sus víctimas con hazañas inesperadas. Las tecnologías que se han desarrollado durante su búsqueda cobran características que sobrepasan la previsión de los mismos investigadores. En referencia a ellos hemos podido probar los límites de lo posible y transformar lo inexistente en lo real. Jimena Canales desgrana en este libro uno de los aspectos más desconocidos y fascinantes de la historia de la ciencia. Porque son estos siervos imaginarios y ocultos los que han ayudado a desvelar los secretos de la entropía, la herencia, la relatividad, la mecánica cuántica y otras maravillas científicas, y son ellos los que siguen inspirando hoy los avances en los ámbitos de la informática, la física y la inteligencia artificial. La crítica ha dicho... «Una visión brillante y estimulante de la filosofía del descubrimiento científico». Science «[Canales] registra magistralmente la sencilla historia de la ciencia. Se lee como un cuento gótico, repleto de genios malvados e inteligencias asombrosa». The Washington Post «Una investigación histórica en profundidad sobre las numerosas funciones que los demonios han desempeñado y siguen haciéndolo en la ciencia y la tecnología». History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences «Al mismo tiempo que se decía que la ciencia estaba desmitificando el mundo, Canales nos muestra con brillantez que los científicos lo estaban poblando de nuevo con lo demoníaco». New Yorker *Intelligent Life in the Universe* Autoría Editorial

A fascinating book on the joys of discovering how the world works, by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Cosmos* and *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*. "Magnificent . . . Delightful . . . A masterpiece. A message of tremendous hope for humanity . . . While ever conscious that human folly can terminate man's march into the future, Sagan nonetheless paints for us a mind-boggling future: intelligent robots, the discovery of extraterrestrial life and its consequences, and above all the challenge and pursuit of the mystery of the universe."—Chicago Tribune "Go out and buy this book, because Carl Sagan is not only one of the world's most respected scientists, he's a great writer. . . . I can give a book no greater accolade than to say I'm planning on reading it again. And again. And again."—The Miami Herald "The brilliant astronomer . . . is persuasive, provocative and

readable."—United Press International "Closely reasoned, impeccably researched, gently humorous, utterly devastating."—The Washington Post

**El Trabajo y sus demonios** Holt Paperbacks

"If Ms. Frizzle were a physics student of Stephen Hawking, she might have written *THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR HAND*, a wild tour through the reaches of time and space, from the interior of a proton to the Big Bang to the rough suburbs of a black hole. It's friendly, excitable, erudite, and cosmic." —Jordan Ellenberg, New York Times bestselling author of *How Not To Be Wrong* Quantum physics, black holes, string theory, the Big Bang, dark matter, dark energy, parallel universes: even if we are interested in these fundamental concepts of our world, their language is the language of math. Which means that despite our best intentions of finally grasping, say, Einstein's Theory of General Relativity, most of us are quickly brought up short by a snarl of nasty equations or an incomprehensible graph. Christophe Galfard's mission in life is to spread modern scientific ideas to the general public in entertaining ways. Using his considerable skills as a brilliant theoretical physicist and successful young adult author, *The Universe in Your Hand* employs the immediacy of simple, direct language to show us, not explain to us, the theories that underpin everything we know about our universe. To understand what happens to a dying star, we are asked to picture ourselves floating in space in front of it. To get acquainted with the quantum world, we are shrunk to the size of an atom and then taken on a journey. Employing everyday similes and metaphors, addressing the reader directly, and writing stories rather than equations renders these astoundingly complex ideas in an immediate and visceral way. Utterly captivating and entirely unique, *The Universe in Your Hand* will find its place among other classics in the field.

**Aroused** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

"This sparkling book romps over the range of science and anti-science." --Jared Diamond, author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel* Revised and Expanded Edition. In this age of supposed scientific enlightenment, many people still believe in mind reading, past-life regression theory, New Age hokum, and alien abduction. A no-holds-barred assault on popular superstitions and prejudices, with more than 80,000 copies in print, *Why People Believe Weird Things* debunks these nonsensical claims and explores the very human reasons people find otherworldly phenomena, conspiracy theories, and cults so appealing. In an entirely new chapter, "Why Smart People Believe in Weird Things," Michael Shermer takes on science luminaries like physicist Frank Tipler and others, who hide their spiritual beliefs behind the trappings of science. Shermer, science historian and true crusader, also reveals the more dangerous side of such illogical thinking, including Holocaust denial, the recovered-memory movement, the satanic ritual abuse scare, and other modern crazes. *Why People Believe Strange Things* is an eye-opening resource for the most gullible among us and those who want to protect them.

**Tomb of Ancients** National Geographic

The epic, magical saga of royalty, romance, and violence continues. A princess. A soldier. A servant. A demon hunter. A thief. When we last saw them, this unlikely group was heading into the Northern Territory of the kingdom of Pitoria, on the run from the sadistic and power-hungry King Aloysius of Brigant. The Smoke Thieves have discovered that demon smoke is not only an illegal drug used for pleasure, but in fact, when taken by children, demon smoke briefly gives its users super-human

strength. Aloysius' plan is simple and brutal: kill the demons for their smoke, and use that smoke to build an unstoppable army of children to take over Pitoria, Calidor, and then the rest of the world. The Smoke Thieves are the only ones who understand this plan--but can they stop it? Catherine, Aloysius' daughter, is seen as a traitor from all sides; Tash is heartbroken after the loss of her one friend and sees nothing left for her in the human world; Edyon is wanted for murder; March is carrying the secret of his betrayal of his new love; Ambrose is out for revenge--and all the while, the demons have plans of their own...

*Angels & Demons* Ballantine Books

Stephen W. Hawking, widely believed to have been one of the world's greatest minds, presents a series of seven lectures covering everything from big bang to black holes to string theory. These lectures not only capture the brilliance of Hawking's mind, but his characteristic wit

as well. In *The Illustrated Theory of Everything*, Hawking begins with a history of ideas about the universe, from Aristotle's determination that the Earth is round to Hubble's discovery, more than 2,000 years later, that the universe is expanding. Using that as a launching pad, he explores the reaches of modern physics, including theories on the origin of the universe (e.g., the Big Bang), the nature of black holes, and space-time. Finally, he poses the questions left unanswered by modern physics, especially how to combine all the partial theories into a "unified theory of everything." "If we find the answer to that," he claims, "it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason." A great popularizer of science as well as a brilliant scientist, Hawking believes that advances in theoretical science should be "understandable in broad principle by everyone, not just a few scientists." In this book, he offers a fascinating voyage of discovery about the cosmos and our place in it. It is a book for anyone who has ever gazed at the night sky and wondered what was up there and how it came to be.