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We Are All Stardust: Scientists Who Shaped Our World Talk About Their Work, Their Lives, And What They Still Want To Know



Synopsis

What distinguishes scientists, in your eyes? Stefan Klein First and foremost, curiosity. Roald Hoffmann, Nobel Prize-winning chemist When Stefan Klein, an acclaimed journalist, sits down to talk with 18 of the world's leading scientists, he finds they're driven by, above all, curiosity. When they talk about their work, they turn to what's next, to what they still hope to discover. And they see inspiration everywhere: From the sports car that physicist Steven Weinberg says helped him on his quest for the theory of everything to the jazz musicians who gave psychologist Alison Gopnik new insight into raising children, they reveal how their paradigm-changing work entwines with their lives outside the lab. We hear from extraordinary natural and social scientists, including: Evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins on ego and selflessness; Primatologist Jane Goodall on chimpanzee behavior; Neuroscientist V. S. Ramachandran on consciousness; Geographer Jared Diamond on chance in history; Anthropologist Sarah Hrdy on motherhood; And cosmologist Martin Rees on how ultimately we ourselves are stardust.

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Klein's interviewees' observations are a hell of a lot more interesting than Klein's. He should have stuck with questions and kept his own opinions to himself.

I very much enjoyed their decades of experience,,in their own analysis of studies,! I plan on 're reading it again !

Interviews with many scientists on a wide variety of topics. Very enlightening. The interviewer is smart and asks great questions and furthers discussions.

A very good book on the interviews of some well renowned scientists.

Awesome book, came in great condition

This book is brilliant and so intriguing. Would recommend to curious minds everywhere.

Very interesting book. Glad I made the purchase

.... we are billion-year old carbon, and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden. -CSN&Y

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