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This book reveals how school memories offer not only a tool for accessing the school of the past, but also a key to understanding what people today know (or think they know) about the school of the past. It describes, in fact, how historians' work does not purely and simply consist in exploring school as it really was, but also in the complex process of defining the memory of school as one developed and revisited over time at both the individual and collective level. Further, it investigates the extent to which what people "know" reflects the reality or is in fact a product of stereotypes that are deeply rooted in common perceptions and thus exceedingly difficult to do away with. The book includes fifteen peer-reviewed contributions that were presented and discussed during the International Symposium "School Memories. New Trends in Historical Research into Education: Heuristic Perspectives and Methodological Issues" (Seville, 22-23 September, 2015).

A century after his birth, Ettore Majorana is rightfully considered one of the greatest physicists of the first half of the last century. With this volume the Italian Physical Society presents a collection of Ettore Majorana's scientific papers in the original language and, for the first time -- with three exceptions -- translated into English. Each paper is then followed by a comment in English of an expert in the scientific field.

In 2006, an eccentric Russian mathematician named

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Grigori Perelman solved one of the world's greatest intellectual puzzles. The Poincare conjecture is an extremely complex topological problem that had eluded the best minds for over a century. In 2000, the Clay Institute in Boston named it one of seven great unsolved mathematical problems, and promised a million dollars to anyone who could find a solution. Perelman was awarded the prize this year - and declined the money. Journalist Masha Gessen was determined to find out why. Drawing on interviews with Perelman's teachers, classmates, coaches, teammates, and colleagues in Russia and the US - and informed by her own background as a math whiz raised in Russia - she set out to uncover the nature of Perelman's astonishing abilities. In telling his story, Masha Gessen has constructed a gripping and tragic tale that sheds rare light on the unique burden of genius.

Oggi le persone si stimano e si rispettano in base al loro grado di utilità materiale da rendere agli altri e non, invece, al loro valore intrinseco ed estrinseco intellettuale. Per questo gli inutili sono emarginati o ignorati. Se si è omologati (uguali) o conformati (simili) e si sta sempre dietro alla massa, non si sarà mai primi nella vita, perché ci sarà sempre il più furbo o il più fortunato a precederti. Rappresentare con verità storica, anche scomoda ai potenti di turno, la realtà contemporanea, rapportandola al passato e proiettandola al futuro. Per non reiterare vecchi errori. Perché la massa dimentica o non conosce. Denuncio i difetti e caldeggio i pregi italici. Perché non abbiamo orgoglio e dignità per migliorarci e perché non sappiamo

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apprezzare, tutelare e promuovere quello che abbiamo ereditato dai nostri avi. Insomma, siamo bravi a farci del male e qualcuno deve pur essere diverso!

In the last 20 years the disciplines of particle physics, astrophysics, nuclear physics and cosmology have grown together in an unprecedented way. A brilliant example is nuclear double beta decay, an extremely rare radioactive decay mode, which is one of the most exciting and important fields of research in particle physics at present and the flagship of non-accelerator particle physics. While already discussed in the 1930s, only in the 1980s was it understood that neutrinoless double beta decay can yield information on the Majorana mass of the neutrino, which has an impact on the structure of space-time. Today, double beta decay is indispensable for solving the problem of the neutrino mass spectrum and the structure of the neutrino mass matrix. The potential of double beta decay has also been extended such that it is now one of the most promising tools for probing beyond-the-standard-model particle physics, and gives access to energy scales beyond the potential of future accelerators. This book presents the breathtaking manner in which achievements in particle physics have been made from a nuclear physics process. Consisting of a 150-page highly factual overview of the field of double beta decay and a 1200-page collection of the most important original articles, the book outlines the development of double beta decay research theoretical and experimental from its humble beginnings until its most recent achievements, with its revolutionary consequences for the theory of

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particle physics. It further presents an outlook on the exciting future of the field.

This book tackles the wider picture, addressing the social, cultural, economic, political and commercial aspects of schools and schooling in the digital age, offering to make sense of what happens, and what does not happen, when the digital and the educational come together in the guise of schools technology.

Ettore Majorana was born in the Sicilian city of Catania. He joined Enrico Fermi's 'Via Panisperna boys' at an early age and was part of the team who first discovered the slow neutrons (the research that would lead to the nuclear reactor and eventually, the atomic bomb). Enrico Fermi considered him one of brightest scientists, comparable to Galileo and Newton. On March 25, 1938, Ettore Majorana mysteriously disappeared at 31. When the author moved to the University of Catania, Sicily, from Milan University back in 1968, he soon discovered important documents pertaining to Majorana's life and works. Together with his own investigative materials and full cooperation from Majorana's family members, he published a book on his disappearance in Italian (after having helped the famous Italian writer, Leonardo Sciascia, to write down his known Essay, by supplying him with copy of some of the discovered documents). Recami's book was entitled *Il Caso Majorana — Epistolario, Documenti, Testimonianze* and when it first appeared in Italy, it drew interest from all the major newspapers, publications and TVs & broadcast media. Even after his disappearance, Ettore Majorana's name appeared in many areas of frontier physics

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research, ranging from elementary particle physics to applied condensed matter, to mathematical physics, and more. His long lasting contributions is a testimony of his brilliance and farsightedness and has continued to draw interest from scientists not only in Italy, but from all over world until today. An English version of the original is very appropriate at this juncture, when more and more scholars in the world are getting convinced that he was really a genius 'like Galileo and Newton'. This book traces the extraordinary life of Ettore Majorana — through his letters, documents and testimonies from his friends and family members. What makes this book more fascinating (as a detective-story too) is his mysterious disappearance at young age. This book, therefore, is both a biography and a mystery book.

Unique volume exploring Majorana's work, for graduate students and researchers interested in the history of science.

Enrico Fermi is unquestionably among the greats of the world's physicists, the most famous Italian scientist since Galileo. Called the Pope by his peers, he was regarded as infallible in his instincts and research. His discoveries changed our world; they led to weapons of mass destruction and conversely to life-saving medical interventions. This unassuming man struggled with issues relevant today, such as the threat of nuclear annihilation and the relationship of science to politics. Fleeing Fascism and anti-Semitism, Fermi became a leading figure in America's most secret project: building the atomic

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bomb. The last physicist who mastered all branches of the discipline, Fermi was a rare mixture of theorist and experimentalist. His rich legacy encompasses key advances in fields as diverse as comic rays, nuclear technology, and early computers. In their revealing book, *The Pope of Physics*, Gino Segré and Bettina Hoerlin bring this scientific visionary to life. An examination of the human dramas that touched Fermi's life as well as a thrilling history of scientific innovation in the twentieth century, this is the comprehensive biography that Fermi deserves. On the night of March 26, 1938, nuclear physicist Ettore Majorana boarded a ship, cash and passport in hand. He was never seen again. In *A Brilliant Darkness*, theoretical physicist João Magueijo tells the story of Majorana and his research group, "the Via Panisperna Boys," who discovered atomic fission in 1934. As Majorana, the most brilliant of the group, began to realize the implications of what they had found, he became increasingly unstable. Did he commit suicide that night in Palermo? Was he kidnapped? Did he stage his own death? *A Brilliant Darkness* chronicles Majorana's invaluable contributions to science—including his major discovery, the Majorana neutrino—while revealing the truth behind his fascinating and tragic life.

Presents a revolutionary cosmology founded on the new Copernican astronomy that Bruno extends to infinite dimensions, filling it with an endless number

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of planetary systems.

and less as the emanation underwent radioactive decay, and it became motionless after about 30 seconds. Since this process was occurring very rapidly, Hahn and Sackur marked the position of the pointer on a scale with pencil marks. As a timing device they used a metronome that beat out intervals of approximately 1.3 seconds. This simple method enabled them to determine that the half-life of the emanations of actinium and emanium were the same. Although Giesel's measurements had been more precise than Debierne's, the name of actinium was retained since Debierne had made the discovery first. Hahn now returned to his sample of barium chloride. He soon conjectured that the radium-enriched preparations must harbor another radioactive substance. The liquids resulting from fractional crystallization, which were supposed to contain radium only, produced two kinds of emanation. One was the long-lived emanation of radium, the other had a short life similar to the emanation produced by thorium. Hahn tried to separate this substance by adding some iron to the solutions that should have been free of radium, but to no avail. Later the reason for his failure became apparent. The element that emitted the thorium emanation was constantly replenished by the element believed to be radium. Hahn succeeded in enriching a preparation until it was more than

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100,000 times as intensive in its radiation as the same quantity of thorium.

The Song at the Scaffold is a novelette set in the time of the French Revolution, an epoch that vividly demonstrated man's capacity for both heroism and brutality. It is a very intense story dealing primarily with the Carmelite Convent at Compiègne but also encompassing the Paris mob, the Reign of Terror, Women Revolutionists, etc., climaxing in the martyrdom of sixteen Carmelite nuns. Excellent reading for both students and adults!

A woman trying to outrun her past is drawn to a coastal village in Maine--and to a string of unsolved murders--in this novel of romance and psychological suspense from New York Times bestselling author Tess Gerritsen. "Suspenseful, sexy, and soulful."--J. R. Ward, bestselling author of the Black Dagger Brotherhood series After an unspeakable tragedy in Boston, Ava Collette flees to a remote village in Maine, where she rents an old house named Brodie's Watch. In that isolated seaside mansion, Ava finally feels at peace . . . until she glimpses the long-dead sea captain who still resides there. Rumor has it that Captain Jeremiah Brodie has haunted the house for more than a century. One night, Ava confronts the apparition, who feels all too real, and who welcomes her into his world--and into his arms. Even as Ava questions her own sanity, she eagerly looks forward to the captain's ghostly visits. But she

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soon learns that the house she loves comes with a terrible secret, a secret that those in the village don't want to reveal: Every woman who has ever lived in Brodie's Watch has also died there. Is the ghost of Captain Brodie responsible, or is a flesh-and-blood killer at work? A killer who is even now circling closer to Ava? Praise for *The Shape of Night* "Gerritsen is at her atmospheric best in this spine-tingling tale of a lone woman, an old house, and all the secrets everyone tries to hide."--Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author "With a twisty mix of dangerous passion, obsession, and suspense, Tess Gerritsen reinvents the Gothic novel, giving it a razor-sharp, modern edge."--Jayne Ann Krentz, New York Times bestselling author of *Untouchable* "Curl up in your favorite reading chair and let Tess Gerritsen whisk you away to a coastal town reminiscent of Daphne du Maurier's best settings. You are in for a dark and sexy night, and you will be up very late with Tess's twisted, haunting tale."--Iris Johansen, #1 New York Times bestselling author

The perfect accompaniment to courses on eighteenth-century opera for both students and teachers, this Companion is a definitive reference resource.

In this important volume, major events and personalities of 20th century physics are portrayed through recollections and historiographical works of one of the most prominent figures of European

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science. A former student of Enrico Fermi, and a leading personality of physical research and science policy in postwar Italy, Edoardo Amaldi devoted part of his career to documenting, both as witness and as historian, some significant moments of 20th century science. The focus of the book is on the European scene, ranging from nuclear research in Rome in the 1930s to particle physics at CERN, and includes biographies of physicists such as Ettore Majorana, Bruno Touschek and Fritz Houtermans. Edoardo Amaldi (Carpaneto, 1908 - Roma, 1989) was one of the leading figures in twentieth century Italian science. He was conferred his degree in physics at Rome University in 1929 and played an active role (as a member of the team of young physicists known as "the boys of via Panisperna") in the fundamental research on artificial induced radioactivity and the properties of neutrons, which won the group's leader Enrico Fermi the Nobel Prize for physics in 1938. Following Fermi's departure for the United States in 1938 and the disruption of the original group, Amaldi took upon himself the task of reorganising the research in physics in the difficult situation of post-war Italy. His own research went from nuclear physics to cosmic ray physics, elementary particles and, in later years, gravitational waves. Active research was for him always coupled to a direct involvement as a statesman of science and an organiser: he was the leading figure in the

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establishment of INFN (National Institute for Nuclear Physics) and has played a major role, as spokesman of the Italian scientific community, in the creation of CERN, the large European laboratory for high energy physics. He also actively supported the formation of a similar trans-national joint venture in space science, which gave birth to the European Space Agency. In these and several other scientific organisations, he was often entrusted with directive responsibilities. In his later years, he developed a keen interest in the history of his discipline. This gave rise to a rich production of historiographic material, of which a significant sample is collected in this volume.

In una sola notte Ettore Majorana risolse la celebre equazione di Thomas-Fermi, mentre Fermi e i suoi collaboratori impiegarono una settimana. In questo ebook proponiamo un metodo di soluzione di questa rognosa equazione ("rognosa" a causa della singolarità sul bordo). Il fisico S. Esposito, autore del libro "La cattedra vacante" ci racconta: "Un giorno d'autunno del 1927 Ettore si recò dunque da Fermi, il quale, senza troppi convenevoli, gli espose le ricerche che si stavano compiendo in quel periodo. Già da circa un anno Fermi si occupava della Fisica degli atomi pesanti, e quindi con molti elettroni, introducendo alcuni concetti statistici di cui lui stesso ed altri, in precedenza, avevano studiato le conseguenze, e che sfociò in quella che è

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universalmente nota come la statistica di Fermi-Dirac. Tale applicazione alla Fisica atomica risultò nella formulazione del modello statistico degli atomi, conosciuto con il nome di Thomas-Fermi. La caratterizzazione degli atomi pesanti in quel modello è subordinata alla conoscenza di una funzione, soluzione di una equazione differenziale non lineare con particolari condizioni al contorno, che fornisce il "potenziale universale di Fermi", valido per tutti gli elementi chimici. Purtroppo, però, non era stata trovata la soluzione al suddetto problema ma Fermi, che di certo non era aduso a indietreggiare di fronte a difficoltà matematiche, trovò una soluzione approssimata e compilò una tabella di valori numerici che fu molto utilizzata nell'ambiente internazionale dei fisici atomici. Ad esempio, uno dei padri della teoria dei quanti, Arnold Sommerfeld, nello sviluppare una differente approssimazione per la funzione di Thomas-Fermi, stabilì la bontà della sua soluzione approssimata proprio confrontandola con i valori della tabella di Fermi. Quel giorno, nello studio di Fermi, Majorana ascoltò con diligenza quanto esposto da Fermi, anche chiedendo ulteriori chiarimenti, dopodiché lasciò l'Istituto. I testimoni di quell'incontro, Rasetti, Segré ed Analdi, ricordano che Majorana il giorno dopo, nella tarda mattinata, si presentò nuovamente all'Istituto, entrò diretto nello studio di Fermi e gli chiese, senza alcun preambolo, di poter vedere la tabella che gli era stata posta sotto

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gli occhi per pochi istanti il giorno prima. Avutala in mano, estrasse dalla tasca un fogliolino su cui era scritta un'analogia tabella da lui calcolata a casa nell'ultime 24 ore. Confrontò le due tabelle e, constatato, che erano in pieno accordo fra di loro, disse che la tabella di Fermi andava bene e, uscito dalla studio, se ne andò dall'Istituto." Marcello Colozzo, laureato in Fisica si occupa sin dal 2008 di didattica online di Matematica e Fisica attraverso il sito web Extra Byte dove vengono eseguite "simulazioni" nell'ambiente di calcolo Mathematica. Negli ultimi anni ha pubblicato vari articoli di fisica matematica e collabora con la rivista Elettronica Open Source. Appassionato lettore di narrativa cyberpunk, ha provato ad eseguire una transizione verso lo stato di "scrittore cyber", pubblicando varie antologie di racconti.

In this biography of Enrico Fermi (1901-54), who won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1938 for his work on radioactivity by neutron bombardment and his discovery of transuranic elements and who achieved the first controlled nuclear chain reaction in Chicago in 1942, his student, collaborator, fellow Nobel Prize winner and lifelong friend Emilio Segrè presents the scientist, and explains in nontechnical terms Fermi's work and his achievements. "Segrè's description of Fermi's early life and his involvement with and commitment to physics is extremely interesting... Segrè understands and describes very clearly the outstanding characteristics of Fermi's theoretical

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work: clarity and completeness... Segrè has succeeded admirably in describing Fermi's entire scientific career, and this book is strongly recommended." — M. L. Goldberger, *Science* "We must thank Emilio Segrè for this authoritative, revealing and inspiring book. It covers in a masterly fashion the most exciting thirty years of modern physics and the character and activities of one of its greatest contributors." — *Nature* "A rich, well-rounded portrait of [Fermi] the scientist, his methods, intellectual history, and achievements. Explaining in nontechnical terms the scientific problems Fermi faced or solved, *Enrico Fermi, Physicist* contains illuminating material concerning Fermi's youth in Italy and the development of his scientific style." — *Physics Today* "All that might be hoped for in a biography of one Nobel Prize winner in physics by another has been realized in Emilio Segrè's biography of his friend, Enrico Fermi... A truly masterly drawing of Fermi's character, along with his physics and the events through which he moved, Segrè has provided us with a brilliant appreciation of one of the most pre-eminent figures of modern physics." — *Physics Bulletin* "This excellent biography, written by one of the original group who worked with him during the 1930s at Rome, catches beautifully the style and spirit of its subject... With Fermi's passing the age of the universal experimental and theoretical physicist is gone.

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Segre's book tells the story of this heroic age of physics and of its principal actor; it is a delight to read, and I recommend it heartily." — American Scientist "Here we meet the man at work and we see the meticulous scientist... This book also shows us another facet of Fermi: that of the conscientious scientist torn between his love of pure research and his love of teaching." — V. Barocas, Annals of Science "Segrè is a sensitive biographer, responsive to all problems that can plague the creative scientist; he shows, above all, Fermi's dedication, zeal, and extraordinary talents. Segrè has provided more than sympathy. Much that is new about Fermi's youth in Italy appears here... [A] very rewarding book... Every physicist will want to read this biography, along with every reader who has an interest in intellectual developments during the 1920-1960 era." — J. Z. Fullmer, The Ohio Journal of Science

Supersymmetry or SUSY, one of the most beautiful recent ideas of physics, predicts sparticles existing as superpartners of particles. This book gives a theoretical and phenomenological account of sparticles. Starting from a basic level, it provides a comprehensive, pedagogical and user-friendly treatment of the subject of four-dimensional $N=1$ supersymmetry as well as its observational aspects in high energy physics and cosmology. Part One of the book introduces the requisite formal theory, preceded by a discussion of the naturalness

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problem. Part Two describes the supersymmetrization of the Standard Model of particle interactions as well as the origin of soft supersymmetry breaking and how it can be mediated from higher energies. Search strategies for sparticles, supersymmetric Higgs bosons, nonminimal scenarios and cosmological implications are some of the other topics covered. Novel features of the book include a dictionary between two-component and four-component spinor notation, a step-by-step derivation of the nonrenormalization theorem, an extended discussion of supersymmetric renormalization group evolution, detailed analyses of minimal and nonminimal models with gravity (including anomaly) mediated and gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking as well as elaborate self-contained presentations of collider signals of sparticles plus supersymmetric Higgs bosons and of supersymmetric cosmology. Appendices list all Feynman rules for the vertices of the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.

Contents: Introduction and Overview: Supersymmetry: Why and How Supersymmetry Formalism: Preliminaries Algebraic Aspects Free Superfields in Superspace Interacting Superfields Superspace Perturbation Theory and Supergraphs General Aspects of Supersymmetry Breaking Supersymmetry Phenomenology: Basic Structure of the MSSM Soft Supersymmetry Breaking

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in the MSSMHiggs Bosons in the MSSMEvolution
from Very High EnergiesGravity Mediated
Supersymmetry BreakingGauge Mediated
Supersymmetry BreakingBeyond the
MSSMSupersymmetry at CollidersSupersymmetric
CosmologyConclusion: Wish List, Roadmap and
Fine Tuning Readership: Graduate students,
teachers and researchers in theoretical as well as
experimental high energy physics.

Keywords:Reviews: “I find the book very attractive
and very useful at this time. There are not so many
up-to-date books for the LHC phenomenology.” G
Altarelli CERN “It seeks to be the complete primer
on supersymmetry for the theorist, phenomenologist
and experimentalist. The presentation is lucid
throughout and the notation is well-chosen. This is a
highly recommended book for the student of particle
physics who has studied the basics of quantum field
theory and the phenomenon of the known
elementary particles. In addition, it is a handy source
of information (and most valuably, explanations) for
senior students and practicing physicists in other
areas, who will increasingly feel the need to know
about the area of fundamental science most finely
poised for a dramatic experimental breakthrough.”
Current Science “... very informative book on
supersymmetric particles ...” Professor Barry Barish
California Institute of Technology “Very good text.
Although suitable for those who want to begin

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working in the field, nonexperts can get substantial insights into the goals and motivation behind the theory by browsing through. The book begins with a good pedagogical treatment of the superspace formalism and ends with an extensive summary of Feynman rules. About 300 pages cover the phenomenology of supersymmetry — from colliders to dark matter — with significant discussion of supersymmetry breaking and a 30-page chapter on supersymmetric Higgs bosons.” *Physics Today*

In this XVII Course of the International School of Cosmology and Gravitation devoted to "ADVANCES IN THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN QUANTUM AND GRAVITY PHYSICS" we have considered different aspects of the influence of gravity on quantum systems. In order to achieve this aim, in many lectures, seminars and discussions we have strengthened the interplay between gravity and quantum systems starting from the situation in the early universe based on astrophysical observations, up to the earthly based experiments with atom interferometry for probing the structure of space-time. Thus we have had timely lectures on the quantum field and horizon of a black hole including reviews of the problem of black holes thermodynamics and entropy, quantum information, quantum black holes, quantum evaporation and Hawking radiation, recent advances in stochastic gravity. We have also discussed quantum

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fluctuations in inflationary universe, quantum effects and reheating after inflation, and superplanckian energies in Hawking radiation. In this regard the subject of spinors in purely affine space-time and Dirac matter according to Weyl in the generalized theory of gravitation were developed . The dualism between space-time and matter has been deeply analyzed in order to see why, for general relativity, this is an obstacle for quantization of the theory. Also canonical Gravity and Mach's principle, torsion and curvature as commutator for Quantum Gravity and Dirac Geometry of real space-time were analysed, together with the problem of 5-Dimensional Projective Unified Field theory and Multidimensional Gravity and Cosmology.

During recent decades, our vision of the world of physics - from the subatomic world to the cosmos - has undergone a profound evolution. In this book, one of the scientists who contributed to this development narrates the story of his life and his work.

The career of Ettore Majorana, a highly renowned theoretical physicist, was brief but very intense, and he disappeared in March 1938 in circumstances that still are not completely clear. This volume examines his scientific, academic and human personality.

This textbook describes the basic physics of semiconductors, including the hierarchy of transport models, and connects the theory with the functioning

of actual semiconductor devices. Details are worked out carefully and derived from the basic physical concepts, while keeping the internal coherence of the analysis and explaining the different levels of approximation. Coverage includes the main steps used in the fabrication process of integrated circuits: diffusion, thermal oxidation, epitaxy, and ion implantation. Examples are based on silicon due to its industrial importance. Several chapters are included that provide the reader with the quantum-mechanical concepts necessary for understanding the transport properties of crystals. The behavior of crystals incorporating a position-dependent impurity distribution is described, and the different hierarchical transport models for semiconductor devices are derived (from the Boltzmann transport equation to the hydrodynamic and drift-diffusion models). The transport models are then applied to a detailed description of the main semiconductor-device architectures (bipolar, MOS, CMOS), including a number of solid-state sensors. The final chapters are devoted to the measuring methods for semiconductor-device parameters, and to a brief illustration of the scaling rules and numerical methods applied to the design of semiconductor devices.

A wide-ranging analysis of the impact on European freedom and equality of the Great Recession of 2008.

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EVERY TOWN HAS ITS SECRETS In *Savage Lane*, Jason Starr has crafted a searing tale of suspense that proves the adage: Love thy neighbor, but don't pull down your hedge. Karen Daily, recently divorced, lives with her two kids in a quaint suburb of New York City. She's teaching at a nearby elementary school, starting to date again, and for the first time in years has found joy in her life. Mark Berman, Karen's friend and neighbor, wants out of his unhappy marriage, and so does his wife, Deb, but they have stayed together for the sake of their children. Unbeknownst to Karen, while Mark's marriage has deteriorated his obsession with her has grown. And as Mark's rich fantasy life takes on a more sinister edge, rumors begin to spread about Karen and a bigger secret is uncovered. And soon Karen finds that Mark is not the only one who has taken an undesired interest in her... Jason Starr is one of our most accomplished writers of the darkness that lies within the human heart, and *Savage Lane* is his most riveting and intimate novel yet—a dark, domestic thriller and an honest, searing satire of a declining marriage, suburban life, and obsessive love.

Roma, primi anni Venti. Nel vecchio istituto di fisica di Via Panisperna un gruppo di studenti, guidati da Enrico Fermi, nell'entusiasmo e nella spregiudicatezza giovanile, scoprono la chiave per violare i segreti del nucleo atomico. Quei ragazzi, tra

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cui Majorana, Amaldi, Pontecorvo, Segrè e Rasetti, diventeranno i protagonisti della nascita della fisica moderna e vivranno i momenti fondamentali che hanno segnato il secolo scorso: dal fascismo al boom economico, passando per la Seconda Guerra Mondiale e l'era atomica, fino ad arrivare alla Guerra Fredda. La banda di Via Panisperna non è solo il racconto di grandi scoperte scientifiche, di eventi che hanno segnato la nostra epoca, ma anche una storia di gioventù e amicizia, sogni e ambizioni, misteri e domande, a cui in alcuni casi non si è ancora trovata una risposta.

In this witty, engaging, and challenging book, Carolyn Steedman has produced an original and sometimes irreverent investigation into how modern historiography has developed. *Dust: The Archive and Cultural History* considers our stubborn set of beliefs about an objective material world inherited from the nineteenth century with which modern history writing and its lack of such a belief, attempts to grapple. Drawing on her own published and unpublished writing, Carolyn Steedman has produced a sustained argument about the way in which history writing belongs to the currents of thought shaping the modern world. Steedman begins by asserting that in recent years much attention has been paid to the archive by those working in the humanities and social sciences; she calls this practice "archivization." By definition, the archive is

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the repository of "that which will not go away," and the book goes on to suggest that, just like dust, the "matter of history" can never go away or be erased. This unique work will be welcomed by all historians who want to think about what it is they do.

This intriguing and accessible book examines the experiments on neutrino oscillations. It argues that this history gives us good reason to believe in the existence of neutrinos, a particle that interacts so weakly with matter that its interaction length is measured in light years of lead. Yet, the scientific process has provided evidence of the elusive neutrino. Written in a style accessible to any reader with a college education in physics, *Are There Really Neutrinos?* is of interest to students and researchers alike. This second edition contains a new epilogue highlighting the new developments in neutrino physics over the past 20 years.

History in Transit comprises Dominick LaCapra's explorations of relationships he believes have been insufficiently theorized: between experience and identity, between history and various theories of subjectivity, between extreme events and their representation, between institutional structures and the kinds of knowledge produced within them. Taken together, these discussions form a dialogical encounter, positing the links among epistemological questions, historicist ones, and issues pertaining to disciplinary and institutional politics. Reacting against the antitheoretical bias of some prominent historians, LaCapra presents an alternative model of historiographical practice—one in which emphases on plurality and hybridity are combined with the concept of

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historical experience. For LaCapra experience emerges as a category both theoretically determined and anchored in the facticity of the everyday. LaCapra tests the assumptions and implications of the way one approaches the past by looking to psychoanalysis to render more self-aware the relationship between the historian and his or her material. He offers criticisms of assumptions held by practicing historians and theorists, placing the study of history at the center of a larger argument about the role of the contemporary university. Contesting both corporatization and claims that the university is in ruins, LaCapra writes, "It is paradoxical that the demand to make the university conform to an ever-increasing extent to a market or business model seems oblivious to the fact that the American university has probably been the most successful of its type in the world, that students from other countries disproportionately desire to study in it."

HISTORICAL PRELUDE Ettore Majorana's fame solidly rests on testimonies like the following, from the evocative pen of Giuseppe Cocconi. At the request of Edoardo Amaldi, he wrote from CERN (July 18, 1965): "In January 1938, after having just graduated, I was invited, essentially by you, to come to the Institute of Physics at the University in Rome for six months as a teaching assistant, and once I was there I would have the good fortune of joining Fermi, Bernardini (who had been given a chair at Camerino a few months earlier) and Ageno (he, too, a new graduate), in the research of the products of disintegration of π -L "mesons" (at that time called mesotrons or yukons), which are produced by cosmic rays [. . .] "It was actually while I was staying with Fermi in the small laboratory on the second floor, absorbed in our work, with Fermi working with a piece of Wilson's chamber (which would help to reveal mesons at the end of their range) on a lathe and me constructing a jalopy for the illumination of the chamber, using the flash produced by the explosion of an

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aluminum ribbon short circuited on a battery, that Ettore Majorana came in search of Fermi. I was introduced to him and we exchanged few words. A dark face. And that was it. Parker Bennett has been missing for two years. He dropped out of sight-- on a sailboat in the Caribbean-- just before it was discovered that the \$5 billion dollars in the fund he had been managing had vanished. Lane Harmon, assistant to an upscale interior designer, is working on his wife's townhouse. Gradually, Lane finds herself drawn to Eric, the Bennetts' son, who is determined to prove that his father is not guilty. Lane doesn't know that the closer she gets to the Bennetts, the more she puts her life-- and her daughter's life-- in jeopardy. Born in Italy to a well-to-do Jewish family, Emilio Segrè (1905-1989) became Enrico Fermi's first graduate student in 1928, contributed to the discovery of slow neutrons and was appointed director of the University of Palermo's physics laboratory in 1936. While visiting the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, California in 1938, he learned that he had been dismissed from his Palermo post by Mussolini's Fascist regime. Ernest O. Lawrence hired him to work on the cyclotron at Berkeley with Luis Alvarez, Edwin McMillan, and Glenn Seaborg. Segrè was one of the first to join Oppenheimer at Los Alamos, where he became a group leader on the Manhattan Project. In 1959, he won the Nobel Prize in physics for the discovery of the antiproton. He was a professor of physics at UC Berkeley from 1946 until 1972. "[A] readable, absorbing, interesting autobiography... A valuable contribution by a person who witnessed the development of much of modern nuclear physics. Segrè's description of the historic neutron experiments performed in Rome during the mid-1930s by Enrico Fermi's group, of which Segrè was a member, is of inestimable worth." — Glenn T. Seaborg, *Physics Today* "A Mind Always in Motion is Emilio Segrè's account — published four years after his death

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in 1989 — of his personal life and his life in physics... It is absorbing, moving in places and frequently revealing. Segrè noted in his preface, 'I have not sought to display manners and tact I never had, and I have tried to treat myself no better than any one else.' He ably succeeded in these purposes." — Daniel J. Kevles, *Nature* "For general readers with an interest in the history of nuclear physics, Segrè... is among the most personable witnesses." — *Publishers Weekly*

This biography sheds new light on the life and work of physicist Ettore Majorana (including unpublished contributions), as well as on his mysterious disappearance in March 1938. Majorana is held by many, including Nobel Laureate, Enrico Fermi, to have been a genius of the rank of Galilei and Newton. In this intriguing story, the author, himself a leading expert on the work of Majorana, supplements the existing literature with new insights, anecdotes and personal accounts of contemporaries of Majorana.

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