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It took me just one day to read all 240 pages of this book. It is about science, yet it reads like a novella you have to finish right away without putting it down even for once.

This book provides a unique insight into how science works, what drives research, how science makes human life better, and what challenges arise. By taking the Nobel Prize as an example, the author chose an excellent approach.

The Nobel Prize is one of the most prestigious rewards for scientific achievements. However, it has limitations and controversies. After all, the Nobel Prize is given by people to people.

This book contains an interesting story of how the Nobel Prize was born. A compelling chapter about Alfred Nobel shows a glimpse into his way of thinking and reasons behind establishing this award. And these reasons are all of human nature, with all good and less good aspects of a human being.

Chapters focusing on the analysis of biomedical awards are very professional. Hardcore scientific data and experiments are interweaved with a description of human factors. A historical background, ways of research organization, and interactions with the academic and general society are well described.

I found the last chapter of the book on the analysis of scientific ethics very engaging. This chapter is much more than just a status-quo description! It is an extensive professional analysis of science development, broken down to key issues faced by science today. Evaluation of research, criteria, and values for society, research management – all these components are still relevant today. They are based on the analysis of the history of science and are paving the way for science development tomorrow. Examples of science development in Ukraine, with real-life examples, are up to the point.

This book will be of interest to many readers. Readers interested in gaining general knowledge and society will find reader-friendly information on the role of science in society and the way it is shaped. Those who take interest in biomedical science will find engaging data on key discoveries. These chapters will show the human and social impact on the Nobel Prize-awarded discoveries. Readers who like discovering facts about world research in general and Ukrainian studies in particular, will find a razor-sharp analysis of how society has affected, affects, and may affect science. This is especially timely when the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences is undergoing the post-Paton era. Great achievements of the past have to be preserved, and the national research has to adapt to the changing world. Without science, there is no development in society.

Start this book, and you will read it to the last page. Enjoy!

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