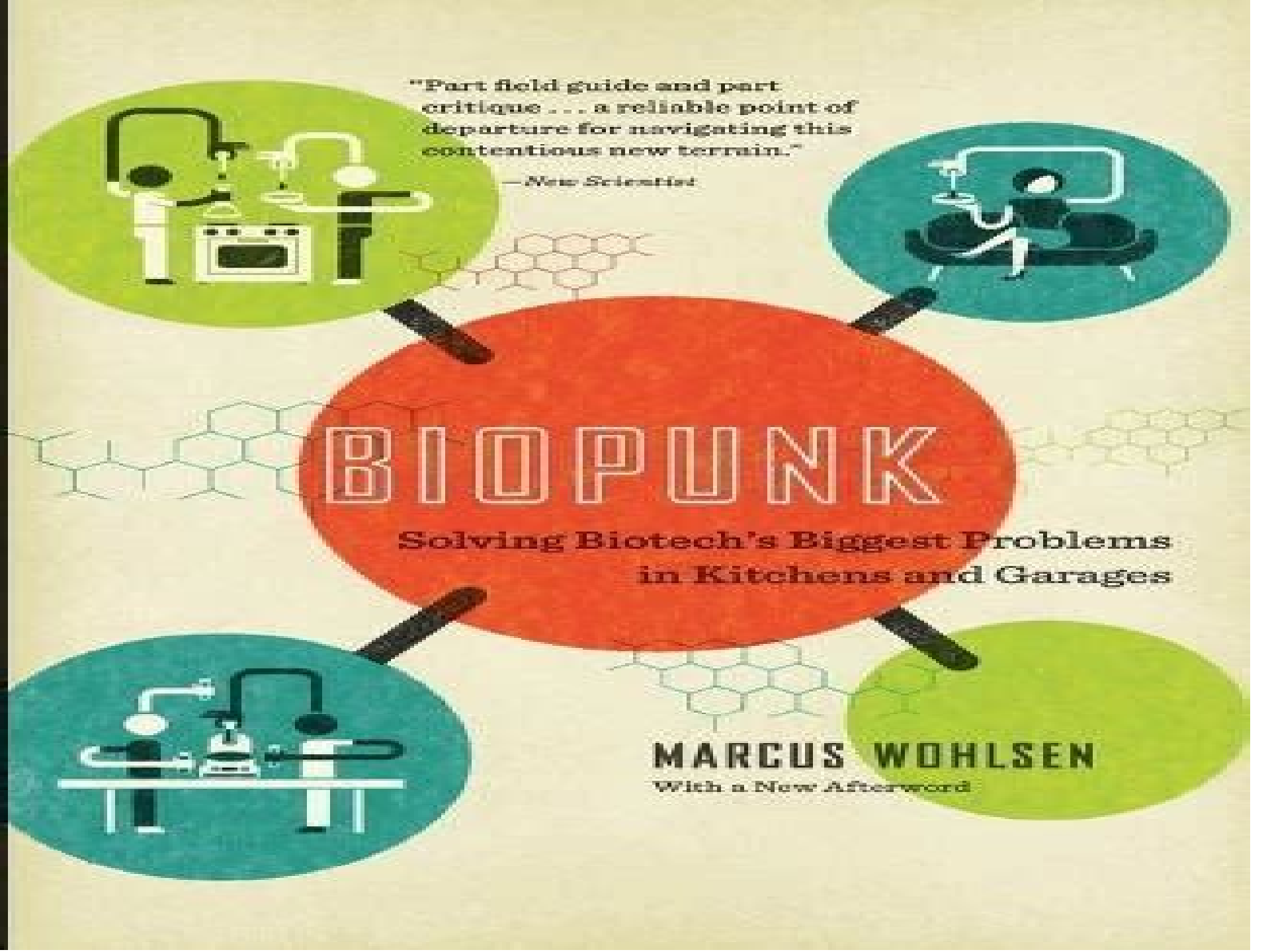


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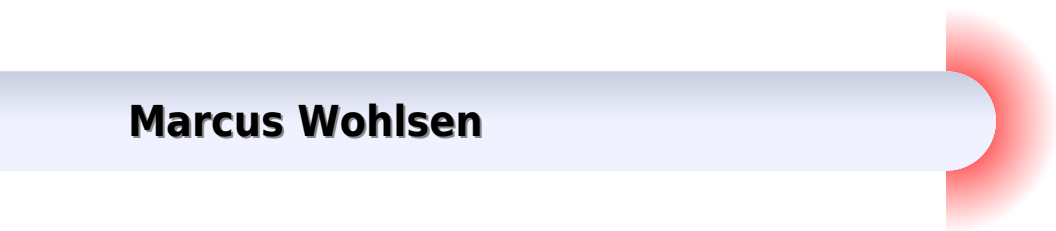
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in Kitchens and Garages**

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Biopunk Marcus Wohlsen,2012 *Biopunk* Marcus Wohlsen,2011 A tour of the latest breakthroughs in do it yourself DNA science makes optimistic predictions for the near future citing the achievements of leading underground contributors while revealing the potential of specific endeavors 25 000 first printing *Biopunk* Marcus Wohlsen,2012-07-31 Bill Gates recently told Wired that if he were a teenager today he would be hacking biology If you want to change the world in some big way he says that s where you should start biological molecules The most disruptive force on the planet resides in DNA Biotech companies and academic researchers are just beginning to unlock the potential of piecing together life from scratch Champions of synthetic biology believe that turning genetic code into Lego like blocks to build never before seen organisms could solve the thorniest challenges in medicine energy and environmental protection But as the hackers who cracked open the potential of the personal computer and the Internet proved the most revolutionary discoveries often emerge from out of the way places forged by brilliant outsiders with few resources besides boundless energy and great ideas In *Biopunk* Marcus Wohlsen chronicles a growing community of DIY scientists working outside the walls of corporations and universities who are committed to democratizing DNA the way the Internet did information The biohacking movement now in its early heady days aims to unleash an outbreak of genetically modified innovation by making the tools and techniques of biotechnology accessible to everyone Borrowing their idealism from the worlds of open source software artisinal food Internet startups and the Peace Corps biopunks are devoted advocates for open sourcing the basic code of life They believe in the power of individuals with access to DNA to solve the world s biggest problems You ll meet a new breed of hackers who aren t afraid to get their hands wet from entrepreneurs who aim to bring DNA based medical tools to the poorest of the poor to a curious tinkerer who believes a tub of yogurt and a jellyfish gene could protect the world s food supply These biohackers include A duo who started a cancer drug company in their kitchen A team who built an open source DNA copy machine A woman who developed a genetic test in her apartment for a deadly disease that had stricken her family Along with the potential of citizen science to bring about disruptive change Wohlsen explores the risks of DIY bioterrorism the possibility of genetic engineering experiments gone awry and whether the ability to design life from scratch on a laptop might come sooner than we think

Knowing New Biotechnologies Matthias Wienroth,Eugénia Rodrigues,2015-02-20 The areas of personal genomics and citizen science draw on and bring together different cultures of producing and managing knowledge and meaning They also cross local and global boundaries are subjects and objects of transformation and mobility of research practices evaluation and multi stakeholder groups Thirdly they draw on logics of convergence new links between and new kinds of stakeholders spaces knowledge practices challenges and opportunities This themed collection of essays from nationally and internationally leading scholars and commentators advances and widens current debates in Science and Technology Studies and in Science Policy concerning converging technologies by complementing the customary focus on technical aspirations for convergence

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Biofictions Lejla Kucukalic, 2021-09-22 *Biofictions* introduces three novel concepts: biofiction, bioimagination and biodiscourse to talk about intersections of literary and visual texts and biotechnology. The book proposes a new interdisciplinary area of research that correlates processes of genetics and literature based on two critical approaches. One drawing parallels between the genetic codes, human language, formal binary language and posthuman communication and the role of meaning and imagination in these forms of communication. Two by defining biofictions as a critical scientific artistic concept and as a corpus of texts that engage ideas and developments in molecular biology. Syncretic connection between biotechnology and literature is especially evident in an open science movement and the literary artistic genre of biopunk discussed across chapters. The study includes well-known contemporary texts such as David Foster Wallace's *Infinite Jest* that are recontextualized as biofiction; it offers a rereading of important but neglected novels such as Thomas Disch's *Camp Concentration* 1967 and it analyzes new visual texts such as the TV series *Altered Carbon* and *Ghost in the Shell* films. Based on these wide-ranging examples and new critical concepts, the book argues that coming up with possible alterations for the genetic code or intended traits for the organism is a discursive practice that brings into being bionarratives that are both organic and literary. Chapter 1 of this book is freely available as a downloadable Open Access PDF under a Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial No Derivatives 4.0 license.

The Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Fiction, 2 Volumes Patrick O'Donnell, Stephen J. Burn, Lesley Larkin, 2022-03-01 Neue Perspektiven und aufschlussreiche Erörterungen der zeitgenössischen amerikanischen Belletristik. Mit der *Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Fiction* 1980-2020 präsentiert ein Team renommierter Geisteswissenschaftler eine umfassende, zielgerichtete Sammlung von Beiträgen zu einigen der bedeutendsten und einflussreichsten Autoren und literarischen Themen der letzten vier Jahrzehnte. In aktuellen Beiträgen bekannter und neuer Autoren werden so unterschiedliche Themen wie Multikulturalismus, zeitgenössische Regionalismen, Realismus nach dem Poststrukturalismus, indigene Erzählungen, Globalismus und Big Data im Kontext der amerikanischen Belletristik der letzten 40 Jahre betrachtet. Die Enzyklopädie bietet einen Überblick über die amerikanische Belletristik zur Jahrtausendwende sowie einen Ausblick auf die Zukunft. In diesem Werk findet sich eine ausgewogene Mischung aus Analyse, Zusammenfassung und Kritik für eine erhellende Betrachtung der enthaltenen Themen. Außerdem enthält das Werk eine spannende Mischung von Beiträgen bekannter und aufstrebender Autoren aus aller Welt, in denen zentrale aktuelle Themen

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sciences and beyond new developments in science and technology and the creation of new social orders go hand in hand In short science and society are simultaneously and reciprocally coproduced and changed Scientific research not only produces new knowledge and technological systems but also constitutes new forms of expertise and contributes to the emergence of new modes of living and new forms of exchange These dynamic processes are tightly connected to significant redistributions of wealth and power and they sometimes threaten and sometimes enhance democracy Understanding these phenomena poses important intellectual and normative challenges neither traditional social sciences nor prevailing modes of democratic governance have fully grappled with the deep and growing significance of knowledge making in twenty first century politics and markets Building on new work in science and technology studies STS this book advances the systematic analysis of the coproduction of knowledge and power in contemporary societies Using case studies in the new life sciences supplemented with cases on informatics and other topics such as climate science this book presents a theoretical framing of coproduction processes while also providing detailed empirical analyses and nuanced comparative work Science and Democracy

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