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Synopsis

From the ancient conquest of fire and the first turn of a wheel to the latest in scientific leaps toward the stars, this easy-access history offers a panoramic perspective on humankind's restless quest for the laws, theories, and tools by which we can grasp and master our universe. This concise, concentrated, consistently organized look at our species' key scientific and innovative achievements spans all human history, presenting ten distinct eras from the first glimmers of intelligence to the cutting-edge technologies of the modern world. Within these intuitive divisions, all human scientific endeavors and achievement are divided into four general fields of inquiry and arrayed into four basic geocultural regions for easy comparison in a logical, systematic grid format highlighted by 350 photographs, maps, illustrations, and diagrams that add graphic emphasis to key information. Special two-page feature spreads explore the most revolutionary developments in greater depth; compelling, expertly composed essays and memorable quotations add sparkle; and informative sidebars provide specifically focused items of information about particular inventions, ideas, or themes. Completing this comprehensive approach, an extensive glossary explains unfamiliar terms, and a detailed index makes it a simple matter to follow a particular field or process from its origin through its complete cross-cultural evolution. This is a reference as usefully accessible as it is inherently fascinating.

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This superbly illustrated source is a time line of important discoveries and inventions in human

history. Photos, illustrations, and sidebars enliven the display of important dates. The material is up to date. For example, the last sidebar discusses the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland. The chapters survey humanity's history from the origins of science to the modern world. The time line forms the bulk of the book, and content is organized by era; by region (Europe, the Americas, Asia and Oceania, Africa and the Middle East); and by the categories "Astronomy and Math," "Biology and Medicine," "Physical Sciences," "Engineering and Inventions," and "World Events." This arrangement makes it easy to compare, for example, discoveries in biology and medicine around the globe, 1735-1749. Special essays on important people (such as Benjamin Franklin) or discoveries (such as the automobile) add value. Photo credits and additional readings are located before the index. This title could be used to replace *The Timetables of Science: A Chronology of the Most Important People and Events in the History of Science* (1988) or to update the *Chronology of Science: From Stonehenge to the Human Genome Project* (2002). The topical essays and wonderful photos and illustrations make this source useful as a circulating book as well as a reference book. --Gilbert Taylor

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This lovely book is a treasure trove of information in a very usable, accessible form including geographic location, time line & same page comparison with science & inventions in other areas during the same time frame. Very readable & lavishly illustrated.....a book to have as a ready reference and/or a fine gift.

My 12 year old got this for Christmas and really has enjoyed it. He loves science and says he would highly recommend it.

Every now and then we come across a book that is both a pleasure to read but also a great reference. It captures timeline comparisons of similar events unfolding in the world. One can be totally amazed by the forethought of these inventors - sometimes hundred of years before general science and today's scientists caught up with them. Just imagine what these inventors could have dreamed up, if they had the capability of using technology of today. It seems like our progress in general science, technology and areas such as medical advances are growing at an exponential rate. This book captures this speed and presents these inventions to the readers in wonderful graphic displays along with attention to detail regarding the specific invention.

My husband and daughter both enjoy the book. Creates lots of interesting discussions.

Excellent book! Awesome photographs and interesting text make this book very engaging at any age. Just what I expected from National Geographic. Much less expensive than purchasing it from National Geographic and same quality.

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