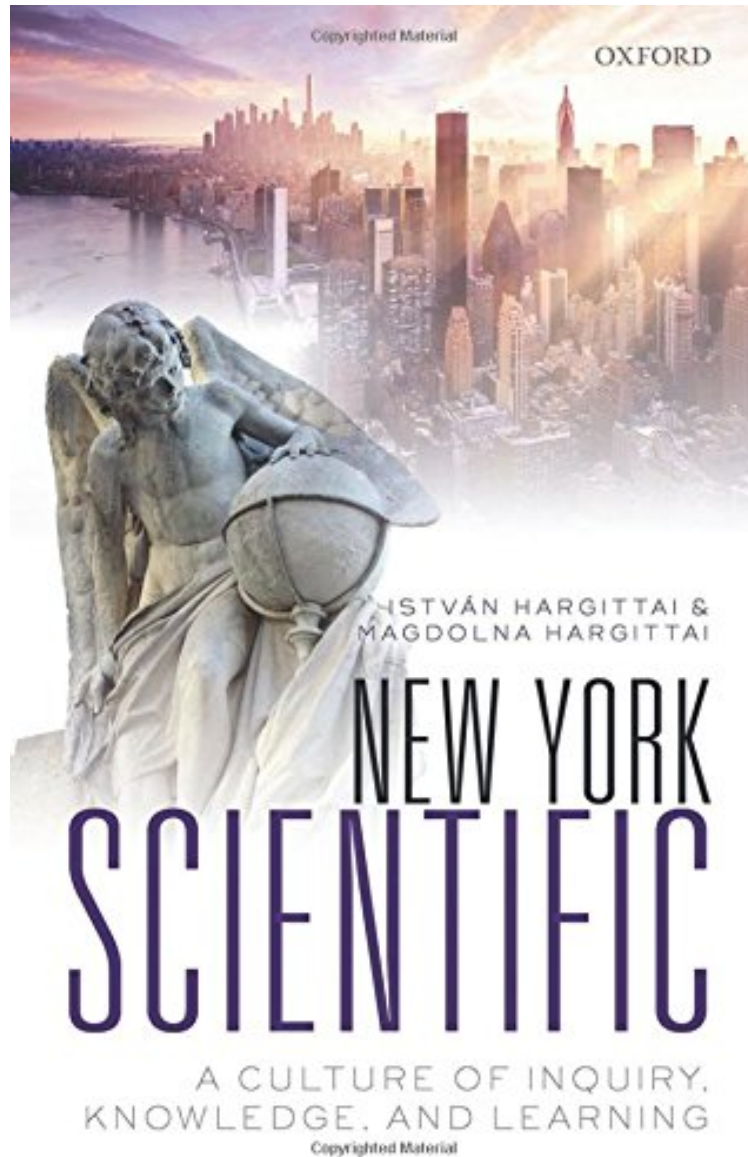


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This book introduces the reader to the visible memorabilia of science and scientists in all the five boroughs of New York City - statues, busts, plaques, buildings, and other artifacts. In addition, it extends to some scientists and institutions currently operating in the city. New York has been known as a world center of commerce, finance, communications, transportation, and culture, but it also is a world center in science. The city is home to renowned universities and research laboratories, a museum of natural history and other museums related to science, a science academy, historical societies, botanical gardens and zoos, libraries, and a Hall of Science as well as a large number of world-renowned scientists. The book pays special attention to the role of this city in welcoming persecuted scientists and letting African-American and women scientists thrive. The book is presented in an informative and entertaining way, dotted with scientific gossip and anecdotes, and can be enjoyed even without the reader's actual presence in the city. Over eight hundred photographs illustrate the book. They may induce the reader to make their own discoveries in New York.

"New York may blaze with neon, but many of the city's byways shine with scientific brilliance -- if you know where to look. Chemists Istvan Hargittai and Magdolna Hargittai map the territory for this quirkily comprehensive guide to key landmarks and institutions." -- Nature "You, as I, will want to join Istvan and Magdolna Hargittai as they turn their observant and culturally open eyes on the streets of New York. Their research is unmatched - there is even a photograph of the old Stuyvesant H.S. building where I spent many hours. And a bust of Booker T. Washington paired with him on a postage stamp. Even a rare glimpse of the owl secreted in the folds of Columbia's Alma Mater! You will enjoy every richly illustrated page of a wonderful guide to the scientific byways of a great city." -- Roald Hoffmann, chemist and writer About the Author Istvan Hargittai, Professor Emeritus, Budapest University of Technology and

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