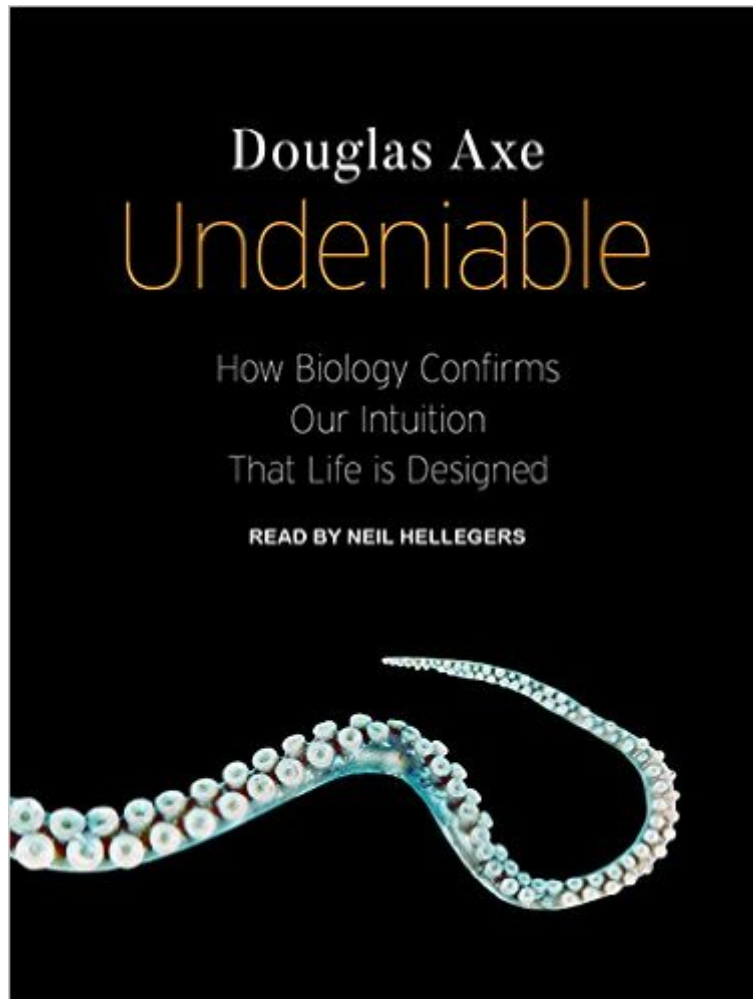


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Synopsis

Throughout his distinguished and unconventional career, engineer-turned-molecular-biologist Douglas Axe has been asking the questions that much of the scientific community would rather silence. Now, he presents his conclusions in this brave and pioneering book. Axe argues that the key to understanding our origin is the "design intuition"-the innate belief held by all humans that tasks we would need knowledge to accomplish can only be accomplished by someone who has that knowledge. For the ingenious task of inventing life, this knower can only be God. Starting with the hallowed halls of academic science, Axe dismantles the widespread belief that Darwin's theory of evolution is indisputably true, showing instead that a gaping hole has been at its center from the beginning. He then explains in plain English the science that proves our design intuition scientifically valid. Lastly, he uses everyday experience to empower ordinary people to defend their design intuition, giving them the confidence and courage to explain why it has to be true and the vision to imagine what biology will become when people stand up for this truth.

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appeal to what he calls "The Universal Design Intuition" • defined as "Tasks that we would need knowledge to accomplish can be accomplished only by someone who has that knowledge" • (20). This intuition, argues Axe, is supported by experimental data, including difficulties with forming proteins to form specific chemical transformations (33ff). He also utilizes mathematical modeling to show that it is effectively impossible to achieve certain results purely by chance (89ff). It is insight that is required to achieve the results that we see in biology, he argues. There is no amount of repetition possible to offset the improbability of life in our universe and life as we see (103). Counter-arguments to design are addressed, including the multiverse. Axe argues that "aimless wandering" • of chance effectively means that anything but design for the results we observe is impossible. There is a specific "target area" • which must be achieved to get life, and the odds against hitting that target are infinitesimal to the point that they are practically impossible (113ff). Ultimately, Axe concludes, "Functional coherence makes accidental invention fantastically improbable and therefore physically impossible" • (160).

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