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Galileo in Rome William R. Shea, Mariano Artigas, 2003-09-25 Galileo s trial by the Inquisition is one of the most dramatic incidents in the history of science and religion Today we tend to see this event in black and white Galileo all white the Church all black Galileo in Rome

presents a much more nuanced account of Galileo's relationship with Rome. The book offers a fascinating account of the six trips Galileo made to Rome from his first visit at age 23 as an unemployed mathematician to his final fateful journey to face the Inquisition. The authors reveal why the theory that the Earth revolves around the Sun set forth in Galileo's *Dialogue* stirred a hornet's nest of theological issues and they argue that despite these issues the Church might have accepted Copernicus if there had been solid proof. More interesting they show how Galileo dug his own grave. To get the imprimatur he brought political pressure to bear on the Roman Censor. He disobeyed a Church order not to teach the heliocentric theory. And he had a character named Simplicio which in Italian sounds like simpleton raise the same objections to heliocentrism that the Pope had raised with Galileo. The authors show that throughout the trial until the final sentence and abjuration the Church treated Galileo with great deference and once he was declared guilty commuted his sentence to house arrest. Here then is a unique look at the life of Galileo as well as a strikingly different view of an event that has come to epitomize the Church's supposed antagonism toward science.

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The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries witnessed such fervent investigations of the natural world that the period has been called the Scientific Revolution New ideas and discoveries not only redefined what human beings believed knew and could do but also forced them to redefine themselves with respect to the strange new worlds revealed by ships and scalpels telescopes and microscopes experimentation and contemplation Driven by religious devotion by practical need by the promise of fame and profit or by the simple desire to know a broad range of thinkers and workers explored and reconceptualized the world around them Explanatory systems were made discarded and remade by some of the best known names in the entire history of science Copernicus Galileo Newton and by many others less recognized but no less important In this Very Short Introduction Lawrence M Principe explores the exciting developments in the sciences of the stars astronomy astrology and cosmology the sciences of earth geography geology hydraulics pneumatics the sciences of matter and motion alchemy chemistry kinematics physics the sciences of life medicine anatomy biology zoology and much more The story is told from the perspective of the historical characters themselves emphasizing their background context reasoning and motivations and dispelling well worn myths about the history of science ABOUT THE SERIES The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area These pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly Our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable **Magnificent Principia** Colin Pask,2013-09-03 Nobel laureate Steven Weinberg has written that all that has happened since 1687 is a gloss on the Principia Now you too can appreciate the significance of this stellar work regarded by many as the greatest scientific contribution of all time Despite its dazzling reputation Isaac Newton s Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica or simply the Principia remains a mystery for many people Few of even the most intellectually curious readers including professional scientists and mathematicians have actually looked in the Principia or appreciate its contents Mathematician Pask seeks to remedy this deficit in this accessible guided tour through Newton s masterpiece Using the final edition of the Principia Pask clearly demonstrates how it sets out Newton s and now our approach to science how the framework of classical mechanics is established how terrestrial phenomena like the tides and projectile motion are explained and how we can understand the dynamics of the solar system and the paths of comets He also includes scene setting chapters about Newton himself and scientific developments in his time as well as chapters about the reception and influence of the Principia up to the present day **Hobbes and Galileo: Method, Matter and the Science of Motion** Gregorio Baldin,2020-04-15 This book translated from Italian discusses the influence of Galileo on Hobbes natural philosophy In his De motu loco et tempore or Anti White 1643 Thomas Hobbes describes Galileo as the greatest philosopher of all times and in De Corpore 1655 the Italian scientist is presented as the one who opened the door of all physics that is the

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