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HOW THE FUTURE HAS BEEN IMAGINED AND MADE THROUGH THE WORK OF WRITERS ARTISTS INVENTORS AND DESIGNERS THE FUTURE IS LIKE AN UNWRITTEN BOOK IT IS NOT SOMETHING WE SEE IN A CRYSTAL BALL OR CAN ONLY HOPE TO PREDICT LIKE THE WEATHER IN THIS VOLUME OF THE MIT PRESS S ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE SERIES NICK MONTFORT ARGUES THAT THE FUTURE IS SOMETHING TO BE MADE NOT PREDICTED MONTFORT OFFERS WHAT HE CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE FUTURE AS SEEN IN THE WORK OF WRITERS ARTISTS INVENTORS AND DESIGNERS MAINLY IN WESTERN CULTURE WHO DEVELOPED AND DESCRIBED THE CORE COMPONENTS OF THE FUTURES THEY ENVISIONED MONTFORT S APPROACH IS NOT THAT OF FUTUROLOGY OR SCENARIO PLANNING INSTEAD HE REPORTS ON THE WORK OF MAKING THE FUTURE THE THINKERS WHO DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO WRITING PAGES IN THE UNWRITTEN BOOK DOUGLAS ENGELBART ALAN KAY AND TED NELSON DIDN T PREDICT THE FUTURE OF COMPUTING FOR INSTANCE THEY WERE THREE OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT MONTFORT FOCUSES ON HOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES HAS BEEN BOUND UP WITH IDEAS ABOUT THE FUTURE READERS LEARN ABOUT KITCHENS OF THE FUTURE AND THE VISION BEHIND THEM LITERARY UTOPIAS FROM PLATO S REPUBLIC TO EDWARD BELLAMY S LOOKING BACKWARD AND CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN S HERLAND THE FUTURAMA EXHIBIT AT THE 1939 NEW YORK WORLD S FAIR AND WHAT LED UP TO TIM BERNERS LEE S INVENTION OF THE WORLD WIDE MONTFORT DESCRIBES THE NOTEBOOK COMPUTER AS A HUMAN CENTERED ALTERATIVE TO THE IDEA OF THE

COMPUTER AS A ROOM SIZED GIANT BRAIN SPECULATIVE PRACTICE IN DESIGN AND SCIENCE FICTION AND THROUGHOUT THE BEST WAYS TO IMAGINE AND BUILD THE FUTURE

THIS UNIQUE REFERENCE WORK THE COMPANION VOLUME TO THE STUDY OF THE FUTURE IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THE TOOLS OF FUTURE STUDIES

ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS TO PROFESSIONAL FUTURISTS HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A SINGLE CONVENIENT FORMAT ARE

THE ORGANIZATIONS INDIVIDUALS BOOKS AND PERIODICALS CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FILMS AUDIO TAPES AND OTHER

RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP ANYONE CONCERNED WITH EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FUTURE

THE BASIC IDEA OF THE PARTICULAR WAY OF UNDERSTANDING MENTAL PHENOMENA THAT HAS INSPIRED THE COGNITIVE REVOLUTION IS THAT AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN RELATIVELY RECENT INTELLECTUAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS INFORMED THEORISTS NOW POSSESS A MORE POWERFULLY INSIGHTFUL COMPARISON OR MODEL FOR MIND THAN WAS AVAILABLE TO ANY THINKERS IN THE PAST THE MODEL IN QUESTION IS THAT OF SOFTWARE OR THE LIST OF RULES FOR INPUT OUTPUT AND INTERNAL TRANSFORMATIONS BY WHICH WE DETERMINE AND CONTROL THE WORKINGS OF A COMPUTING MACHINE S HARDWARE ALTHOUGH THIS COMPARISON AND ITS MANY IMPLICATIONS HAVE DOMINATED WORK IN THE PHILOSOPHY PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROBIOLOGY OF MIND SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IT NOW SHOWS INCREASING SIGNS OF LOSING ITS ONCE VIRTUALLY UNQUESTIONED PREEMINENCE THUS WE NOW FACE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO REPAIR AND SAVE THIS MODEL BY MEANS OF RELATIVELY INESSENTIAL TINKERING OR WHETHER WE MUST RECONCEIVE IT FUNDAMENTALLY AND REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THIS BOOK TWENTY EIGHT LEADING SCHOLARS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE LINGUISTICS PSYCHOLOGY NEUROPHYSIOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY PRESENT THEIR LATEST CAREFULLY CONSIDERED JUDGEMENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK WILL BE THE FUTURE COURSE OF THIS INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENT THAT IN MANY RESPECTS HAS BEEN A WATERSHED IN OUR CONTEMPORARY STRUGGLES TO COMPREHEND THAT WHICH IS CRUCIALLY SIGNIFICANT ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS JEROME BRUNER NOAM CHOMSKY MARGARET BODEN ULRIC NEISSER ROM HARRE MERLIN

DONALD AMONG OTHERS HAVE ALL WRITTEN CHAPTERS IN A NON TECHNICAL STYLE THAT CAN BE ENJOYED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AN INTER

DISCIPLINARY AUDIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS PHILOSOPHERS ANTHROPOLOGISTS LINGUISTS AND COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS ALIKE

MASTER S THESIS FROM THE YEAR 2021 IN THE SUBJECT BUSINESS ECONOMICS MARKET RESEARCH GRADE 1 0 ACCADIS HOCHSCHULE BAD HOMBURG LANGUAGE ENGLISH ABSTRACT MOBILE PAYMENT SYSTEMS ARE AN INNOVATION THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO MAKE CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS WITH A MOBILE DEVICE SUCH AS A SMARTPHONE AT THE CASH REGISTER IN BRICK AND MORTAR RETAIL OUTLETS WITHOUT CARRYING A WALLET WITH CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALMOST ENTIRELY ADOPTED AND INTEGRATED THIS INNOVATION INTO THEIR DAILY LIVES ADOPTION RATES IN GERMANY REMAIN SIGNIFICANTLY LOW HENCE THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS WORK IS TO ANALYZE THE FUTURE OF MOBILE PAYMENT SYSTEMS IN GERMANY WITH RESPECT TO THE REASONS FOR ADOPTION OR REFUSAL IN PARTICULAR THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH QUESTION WAS ADDRESSED WILL MOBILE PAYMENT METHODS REPLACE PHYSICAL CARDS IN GERMANY OR WILL CERTAIN FACTORS PREVENT FULL ADOPTION

IN THE TRADITION OF BILL BRYSON'S A SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING A SMART AND ENTERTAINING GUIDE TO THE FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION WHEN UNEXPECTEDLY CONFRONTED WITH HIS OWN MORTALITY MARK STEVENSON A WRITER DEEP THINKER AND STAND UP COMEDIAN BEGAN TO PONDER WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR OUR SPECIES THE PAST IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY WRITES STEVENSON BY MY ANALYSIS IT S A BIT LIKE FRANCE IN THAT I VE BEEN TO PARTS OF IT AND EATEN SOME NICE FOOD THERE BUT THE FUTURE THE FUTURE IS AN UNKNOWN TERRITORY AND THERE ISN T A GUIDEBOOK THUS HIS AMBITION WAS BORN STEVENSON SET OUT SIMPLY ASKING WHAT S NEXT AND THEN TRAVELED THE GLOBE IN PURSUIT OF THE ANSWERS ALONG THE WAY HE VISITED THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK TO VISIT THE FARMERS WHO CAN SAVE US FROM CLIMATE CHANGE MET A ROBOT WITH MOOD SWINGS AND TALKED TO THE SPANIARD WHO S PUTTING A HOTEL IN SPACE WHILE SOME MIGHT BE OVERWHELMED OR EVEN DISMAYED BY THE LOOMING REALITIES OF GENOME SEQUENCING SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY A NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE AND CARBON SCRUBBING STEVENSON REMAINS WELL OPTIMISTIC DRAWING ON HIS SINGULAR HUMOR AND STORYTELLING TO BREAK

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DOWN THESE SOMETIMES COMPLICATED DISCOVERIES AN OPTIMIST S TOUR OF THE FUTURE PAINTS A WONDERFULLY READABLE AND COMPLETELY ENTHRALLING PORTRAIT OF WHERE WE LL BE WHEN WE GROW UP AND WHY IT S NOT SO SCARY WATCH A VIDEO

AN ANTHROPOLOGICALLY BASED INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLECTION ON SITES AND PROJECTIONS OF IMAGINED FUTURES FROM CONSPIRACY THEORISTS

TO TECHNOLOGICAL DYSTOPIAS

DURING THE LAST CENTURY NUCLEAR POWER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES IT HAS RECENTLY ENJOYED A REVIVAL IN ATTENTION AND RESEARCH DUE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS SURROUNDING CURRENT CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES ISSUES OF REGULATION AND SAFETY ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING NUCLEAR POWER AND WILL GOVERN ITS PLACE IN THE FUTURE THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER TAKES A TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUS OF NUCLEAR POWER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THE 17 CHAPTERS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN SECTIONS A REVIEW OF ALL CURRENT GENERATION PLANTS AND CONCEPTS FOR NEW ADVANCED REACTOR DESIGN AND SAFETY THE BROAD RANGING TOPICS COVERED BY THIS PUBLICATION COUPLED WITH THE CURRENT REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY MAKE IT A TIMELY REFERENCE FOR ALL NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS REVIEWS THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE FUTURE OPERATION OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR PLANTS SEVERAL CHAPTERS DEDICATED TO THE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN PLACE CONCERNING SAFE AND RELIABLE OPERATION COMPARES NUCLEAR AND NON NUCLEAR OPTIONS FOR ENERGY NEEDS IN THE FUTURE EVALUATING THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF BOTH

CONTEMPORARY FUTURIST THOUGHT DESCRIBES RECENT THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE DEALING WITH BOTH THE HOPES AND THE FEARS EXPRESSED IN MODERN TIMES CONCERNING WHAT POTENTIALLY LIES AHEAD THERE ARE MANY SUCH HOPES AND FEARS PERHAPS AN OVERPOWERING NUMBER COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER AND SWIRLING ABOUT IN THE COLLECTIVE MIND OF HUMANITY PSYCHOLOGIST AND FUTURIST TOM LOMBARDO

DESCRIBES THIS MENTAL UNIVERSE OF INSPIRING DREAMS AND THREATENING PREMONITIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE THE BOOK BEGINS WITH AN IN DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL LITERARY GENRE OF SCIENCE FICTION WHICH DR LOMBARDO IDENTIFIES AS THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE FUTURE HE NEXT DESCRIBES THE MODERN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE OF FUTURE STUDIES WHICH ATTEMPTS TO APPLY SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND PRINCIPLES TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUTURE SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY ARE THEN REVIEWED SETTING THE STAGE FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE GREAT CONTEMPORARY TRANSFORMATION OCCURRING IN OUR PRESENT WORLD GIVEN THE POWERFUL AND PERVASIVE CHANGES TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE GLOBE AND THROUGHOUT ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE THE QUESTIONS ARISE WHERE ARE WE POTENTIALLY HEADING AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY WHERE SHOULD WE BE HEADING THE FINAL CHAPTER PROVIDES AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF DIFFERENT ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS DESCRIBING THEORIES AND APPROACHES THAT HIGHLIGHT SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CULTURE HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION AMONG OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS AS WELL AS INTEGRATIVE VIEWS WHICH ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE BIG PICTURES OF ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE THE BOOK PROVIDES A RICH AND BROAD OVERVIEW OF CONTEMPORARY IDEAS AND VISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE IN THE CONCLUSION DR LOMBARDO ASSESSES AND SYNTHESIZES THESE MYRIAD PERSPECTIVES PROPOSING A SET OF KEY IDEAS CENTRAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE FUTURE THIS BOOK COMPLETES THE STUDY OF FUTURE CONSCIOUSNESS BEGUN IN ITS COMPANION VOLUME THE EVOLUTION OF FUTURE CONSCIOUSNESS THESE TWO VOLUMES RICH IN HISTORICAL DETAIL AND CONCISE OBSERVATIONS ON THE INTERRELATEDNESS OF A WIDE RANGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS ARE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF FUTURE STUDIES AND A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR EDUCATORS CONSULTANTS AND ANYONE WISHING TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

AND HOWEVER PARADOXICAL IT MAY SEEM TODAY THE GRAIL MOOD IS IN THE FULLEST SENSE TO BE FOUND IN RUSSIA AND THE FUTURE ROLE

THAT RUSSIA WILL PLAY IN THE SIXTH POST ATLANTEAN EPOCH A TASK OF WHICH I HAVE SO OFTEN HAD TO SPEAK RESTS FIRMLY UPON THIS

UNCONQUERABLE GRAIL MOOD IN THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE RUDOLF STEINER NOV 3 1918 ALTHOUGH EASTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN PART OF CHRISTIAN

HUMANITY FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS ITS TASK AND SPIRITUAL IDENTITY REMAIN A MYSTERY THE ANSWER TO WHICH CANNOT BE FOUND UNLESS WE LOOK BEHIND OUTER HISTORICAL EVENTS TO THE SPIRITUAL META HISTORICAL DIMENSIONS OF HISTORY THIS MOMENTOUS WORK BREATHTAKING IN ITS SCOPE AND DETAIL REPRESENTS JUST SUCH A PENETRATING ESOTERIC STUDY OF EASTERN EUROPE IN THE LIGHT OF RUDOLF STEINER S SPIRITUAL RESEARCH PROKOFIEFF SHOWS HOW FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES THE FUTURE CONSCIENCE OF HUMANITY FLOWED FROM HIDDEN MYSTERY CENTERS IN HIBERNIA TO THE EASTERN SLAVIC PEOPLES AS A RESULT QUALITIES OF COMPASSION PATIENCE AND WILLINGNESS FOR SACRIFICE DEVELOPED IN THEIR SOULS CREATING A TRULY CHRISTIAN GRAIL MOOD DESPITE INCALCULABLE SUFFERING FROM THE PERSECUTIONS BY THE MOGUL HORDES OF THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY TO THE BOLSHEVIK EXPERIMENT OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THIS QUALITY HAS BECOME AN UNCONQUERABLE FORCE IN THE DEPTHS OF THEIR BEING IN ILLUMINATING THE MAYA OF OUTER HISTORY PROKOFIEFF REVEALS THE FORCES THAT HAVE BEEN AT WORK TO HINDER THE PROGRESS AND FUTURE INTENTIONS OF HUMANKIND THOSE ADVERSARIAL FORCES HAVE CREATED A KARMA OF MATERIALISM THAT THE EASTERN SLAVIC PEOPLES HAVE TAKEN UPON THEMSELVES OUT OF THEIR EXALTED WILLINGNESS FOR SACRIFICE WILL WE BE ABLE TO USE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY GRANTED BY THIS SACRIFICE TO FULFILL THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE PRESENT CULTURAL EPOCH SERIOUS STUDY OF THIS BOOK INTENDED FOR STUDENTS OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE CAN LEAD TO A PROFOUND AWAKENING TO THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE HUMANKIND TODAY

THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALMOST ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES STATES CORPORATIONS UNIVERSITIES CITIES NGOS AND INDIVIDUALS BELIEVE THEY CANNOT MISS THE FUTURE BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THE FUTURE IT REMAINS A MYSTERY PERHAPS THE GREATEST MYSTERY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE FUTURES ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND OFTEN UNKNOWABLE THE OUTCOME OF MANY FACTORS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN THE FUTURE IS RARELY A SIMPLE EXTRAPOLATION FROM THE PRESENT IN THIS IMPORTANT BOOK JOHN URRY SEEKS TO CAPTURE THE MANY EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ANTICIPATE VISUALIZE AND ELABORATE THE FUTURE THIS INCLUDES EXAMINING THE METHODS USED TO MODEL

THE FUTURE FROM THOSE OF THE RAND CORPORATION TO IMAGINED FUTURE WORLDS IN PHILOSOPHY LITERATURE ART FILM TV AND COMPUTER GAMES HE SHOWS THAT FUTURES ARE OFTEN CONTESTED AND SATURATED WITH DIFFERENT INTERESTS ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS HE ALSO SHOWS HOW ANALYSES OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS PRACTICES AND LIVES SHOULD BE CENTRAL TO EXAMINING POTENTIAL FUTURES AND ISSUES SUCH AS WHO OWNS THE FUTURE THE FUTURE SEEMS TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY WICKED PROBLEMS THERE ARE MULTIPLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS LONG TERM LOCK INS AND COMPLEX INTERDEPENDENCIES AND DIFFERENT SOCIAL GROUPS HAVE RADICALLY DIFFERENT FRAMES FOR UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS AT STAKE URRY EXPLORES THESE ISSUES THROUGH CASE STUDIES OF 3D PRINTING AND THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING MOBILITIES IN THE CITY AND THE FUTURES OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

AS RECENTLY AS THE SUMMER OF 2001 MANY TRAVELERS WERE DREADING AIR TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE DELAYS ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERCAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM THAT ALL CHANGED ON 9 11 AND DEMAND FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO PEAK LEVELS MOST U S AIRLINES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AND SOME HAVE FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY THE SITUATION MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT STRONG ACTION IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO AVERT A CRISIS OF UNDERCAPACITY IN THE AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THIS REPORT ASSESSES THE VISIONS AND GOALS FOR U S CIVIL AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2050

NATIONAL BESTSELLER THE RENOWNED THEORETICAL PHYSICIST AND NATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE GOD EQUATION DETAILS THE DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MEDICINE SPACE TRAVEL AND MORE THAT ARE POISED TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT CENTURY MIND BENDING AN ALTERNATELY FASCINATING AND FRIGHTENING BOOK SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE SPACE ELEVATORS INTERNET ENABLED CONTACT LENSES CARS THAT FLY BY FLOATING ON MAGNETIC FIELDS THIS IS THE STUFF OF SCIENCE FICTION IT S ALSO DAILY LIFE IN THE YEAR 2100 RENOWNED THEORETICAL PHYSICIST MICHIO KAKU CONSIDERS HOW THESE INVENTIONS WILL AFFECT THE WORLD ECONOMY ADDRESSING THE KEY QUESTIONS WHO WILL HAVE JOBS WHICH NATIONS WILL PROSPER KAKU INTERVIEWS THREE HUNDRED OF THE WORLD S TOP

SCIENTISTS WORKING IN THEIR LABS ON ASTONISHING PROTOTYPES HE ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES THAT REGULATE HOW QUICKLY HOW SAFELY AND HOW FAR TECHNOLOGIES CAN ADVANCE IN PHYSICS OF THE FUTURE KAKU FORECASTS A CENTURY OF EARTHSHAKING ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD MAKE EVEN THE LAST CENTURIES LEAPS AND BOUNDS SEEM INSIGNIFICANT

FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME HUMANS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY BOTH A FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN AND A CURIOSITY TO KNOW WE HAVE ALWAYS YEARNED TO KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD WHETHER THREAT OR SAFETY SCARCITY OR ABUNDANCE THROUGHOUT HUMAN HISTORY OUR FOREBEARS TRIED TO CREATE CERTAINTY IN THE UNKNOWN BY SEEKING TO INFLUENCE OUTCOMES WITH SACRIFICES TO GODS PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED WITH ADVICE FROM ORACLES AND BY READING THE STARS THROUGH ASTROLOGY AS SCIENTIFIC METHODS IMPROVE AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPS WE BECOME EVER MORE CONFIDENT OF OUR CAPACITY TO PREDICT AND QUANTIFY THE FUTURE BY ACCUMULATING AND INTERPRETING PATTERNS FORM THE PAST YET THE TRUTH IS THERE IS STILL NO CERTAINTY TO BE HAD IN THIS VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION JENNIFER GIDLEY CONSIDERS SOME OF OUR MOST BURNING QUESTIONS WHAT IS THE FUTURE IS THE FUTURE A TIME YET TO COME OR IS IT A UTOPIAN PLACE DOES THE FUTURE HAVE A HISTORY IS THERE ONLY ONE FUTURE OR ARE THERE MANY POSSIBLE FUTURES SHE ASKS IF THE FUTURE CAN EVER BE TRULY PREDICTED OR IF WE CREATE OUR OWN FUTURES BOTH HOPED FOR AND FEARED BY OUR THOUGHTS FEELINGS AND ACTIONS AND CONCLUDES BY ANALYSING HOW WE CAN LEARN TO STUDY THE FUTURE 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

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FOR MARC AUG BEST SELLING AUTHOR OF NON PLACES THE PREVAILING IDEA OF THE FUTURE RESTS ON OUR PRESENT FEARS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD IT IS TO THE FUTURE THAT WE LOOK FOR REDEMPTION AND PROGRESS BUT IT IS ALSO WHERE WE PROJECT OUR PERSONAL AND APOCALYPTIC ANXIETIES BY QUESTIONING NOTIONS OF CERTAINTY TRUTH AND TOTALITY AUG FINDS WAYS TO SEPARATE THE FUTURE FROM OUR ETERNAL TERRIFIED PRESENT AND LIBERATES THE MIND TO ALLOW IT TO CONCEPTUALIZE OUR POSSIBLE FUTURES AFRESH

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