

# A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN

A SCI-FI NOVEL



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A smart and witty science-fiction novel with a sharp satirical edge, blending real CERN science with page-turning suspense. The book explores the ethics of scientific progress in a thought-provoking yet non-preachy way, offering an intelligent and highly entertaining reading experience.

# ABOUT THE BOOK

In space, no one cares if you're a Nobel laureate.

2037, Geneva. Prof. William "Willy" Wegmann, the eccentric scientific director of CERN, anxiously waits to hear whether his groundbreaking study on interplanetary communication has won him the coveted Nobel prize. But when aliens finally make contact using their advanced particle accelerator, it's time for Willy Wegmann to put his money where his mouth is.

Seizing the opportunity that will get him closer to the prize, Willy volunteers to lead a special expedition of scientists and their significant others (who just really need a vacation from Earth) to the Proxima solar system, to discover whether these extraterrestrials truly come in peace.

But when the crew finally reaches their destination, they soon discover something is very wrong. And with more than just his reputation on the line, but the entire Earth's fate, Willy must act fast to save the day, and his chances at glory. With lightyears between them and home, will they make it in time to prevent total disaster? And more importantly, in the case that Earth is annihilated, will Willy still be eligible for a Nobel prize?

A perfect blend of science with a side of sarcasm, *A Matter of Great ConCERN* wittily questions whether progress can sometimes go too far. A must-read for fans of Douglas Adams, Jon Scalzi, and Andy Weir.



## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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He holds a BA and MA in Philosophy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a PhD from Tel Aviv University. Professor Steinitz is the author of numerous books. His first book, *Invitation to Philosophy*, published in 75 editions and reprints, is the best-selling philosophy book in Israel's history.

# READERS' ACCLAIM

"Brilliant, surprising, and full of disruptive upheavals. This book masquerades as sci-fi, but is actually about the importance of doubt. A terrific massage for the brain." ★★★★★  
*Amit Segal, Channel 12 (Israel's most popular TV)*

"Unique and mind boggling! An excellent integration between a thriller and philosophical meditations about the future of mankind." ★★★★★  
*Jonathan Berkheim, Weizmann Institute of Science (The Davidson Website)*

"Brilliant and exceedingly innovative!" ★★★★★  
*Ariel Schnabel, Makor Rishon (Newspaper)*

"Extremely absorbing and intriguing! A literature warning against self-distraction. Readers would immensely enjoy it!" ★★★★★  
*Shelly Keren, Haaretz Books Magazine*

"A sophisticated, thought-provoking thriller—perfectly attuned to an era in which humanity must save itself from the dangers it has created." ★★★★★  
*Dr. Dov Khenin, Israeli politician, and environmental activist*

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