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This book, based on the Fourth International Conference on Advanced Manufacturing Systems and Technology - AMST '96 aims at presenting trend and up-to-date information on the latest developments - research results and industrial experience in the field of machining processes, optimization and process planning, forming, flexible machining systems, non conventional machining, robotics and control, measuring and quality, thus providing an international forum for a beneficial exchange of ideas, and furthering a favourable cooperation between research and industry.

Assalto al cielo è una ricognizione estremamente articolata e avanzata nel campo della fantascienza, che si serve di un apparato grafico e narrativo inedito, realizzato ad hoc per la pubblicazione, e di una batteria d'autori di rilievo nazionale e internazionale, scienziati, filosofi, giornalisti, storici dell'arte, del cinema, del teatro, sociologi, esperti di tecnologie aeronautiche e spaziali, scrittori di fantascienza, economisti, giuristi, storici del pensiero, epistemologi, architetti aerospaziali, ingegneri elettronici, esperti di robotica e informatici. La postfazione del saggio è affidata a Franco La Cecla, che individua analogie tra le ricerche antropologiche e il territorio della fantascienza. Un saggio conciso e denso di riflessioni ed esemplificazioni, che ci fa pensare che questi due territori e discipline potrebbero avere molte aree in comune, seppure con notevoli differenze. Un tale dispiegamento di forze e di autori è motivato dalla convinzione che una riflessione complessa e non semplificata nei territori della fantascienza, della scienza e della tecnologia sia oltremodo urgente e abbia bisogno di strumenti e prospettive multidisciplinari, aperte ai reali scenari sociali, scientifici e tecnologici che si stanno preparando e che la fantascienza, sia quella antica e delle origini sia quella contemporanea e modernista, ha sempre cercato d'anticipare, di descrivere, di disciplinare e formalizzare.

The collected works of Turing, including a substantial amount of unpublished material, will comprise four volumes: Mechanical Intelligence, Pure Mathematics, Morphogenesis and Mathematical Logic. Alan Mathison Turing (1912-1954) was a brilliant man who made major contributions in several areas of science. Today his name is mentioned frequently in philosophical discussions about the nature of Artificial Intelligence. Actually, he was a pioneer researcher in computer architecture and software engineering; his work in pure mathematics and mathematical logic extended considerably further and his last work, on morphogenesis in plants, is also acknowledged as being of the greatest originality and of permanent importance. He was one of the leading figures in Twentieth-century science, a fact which would have been known to the general public sooner but for the British Official Secrets Act, which prevented discussion of his wartime work. What is maybe surprising about these papers is that although they were written decades ago, they address major issues which concern researchers today.

"One of the most important devotional works of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, this book provided a major source for both visual and literary artists, as well as for preachers, contemplatives, and believers. The amazing number of manuscript sources attests to its far-reaching influence. Gospel accounts of Christ's life are supplemented by apocryphal material from a variety of sources, to provide in an inviting style a highly readable biography. The translation brings to life the pathos, humor, and wisdom of Caulibu's book while maintaining impeccable scholarship. The volume is further enhanced by eight full-color plates selected from the miniatures in MS 410, Corpus Christi College, Oxford."

L'autotelaio Vibration Dynamics and Control Springer Science & Business Media

Molti oggi sembrano dare per scontato che il mondo sia avviato verso un ateismo radicale, che la fede stia per soccombere alla modernità. Si sbagliano tutti.

In un lontanissimo futuro, la scoperta del relitto di un'antica astronave, alla deriva nello spazio interstellare, sembra far luce sul nostro travagliato presente. Una squadra di paleoinformatici riesce a decifrare quel che resta delle memorie del computer di bordo e a ricostruire un racconto epico, che descrive le drammatiche circostanze in cui l'umanità della Terra entrò in contatto con le altre specie della Galassia. Siamo di fronte a un'epopea o alla memoria storica che riemerge dalla notte dei tempi? L'invasione, proveniente dal di fuori della nostra Galassia, distrugge un sistema dopo l'altro in una terrificante successione: l'intera civiltà della Via Lattea rischia l'estinzione. È una lotta contro un nemico senza volto, il mostruoso Qhrun, una misteriosa forma di vita aliena che minaccia l'universo, un'entità sconosciuta e insondabile, ma letale. La nebbia, che ne avvolge l'identità, inizierà a diradarsi soltanto al termine di questo primo volume della saga, quando si farà strada una terribile verità. Il romanzo solleva domande profonde: cos'è un alieno? Quali pensieri o emozioni possono guidarne il comportamento, le reazioni, le scelte?

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The 24th century: humankind has become a spacefaring civilization, colonizing the solar system and beyond. While no alien forms of life have yet been encountered in this expansion into space, colonists suddenly encounter machines of alien origin - huge robots able to reproduce themselves. Called replicators by the colonists, they seem to have but a single goal: to destroy all organic life they come in contact with. Since the colonial governments have no means to fight this menace directly, they instead promise huge rewards to whoever destroys a replicator. As a result, the frontier attracts a new kind of adventurers, the Hunters, who work to find and destroy the replicators. Mike Edwards, a skilled young maintenance technician and robotics expert at a faraway outpost, will not only become one of them - but be the very first one to unlock the secret behind the replicators' origin and mission. The scientific and technical aspects underlying the plot - in particular space travel, robotics and self-replicating spacecraft - are introduced and discussed by the author in an extensive non-technical appendix.

A visual history of the FIAT 500, the ultimate lifestyle car that has remained a timeless classic and design legend. Considered to be one of the most popular models in automotive history, the FIAT 500 has become a legend over time. Its innovative features, the original and recognizable design of its bodywork, and its versatility have distinguished it as an automotive icon with enduring appeal. FIAT 500: The Design Book is an invitation to embark on a captivating journey through the main milestones of the 500 project: from the first series in the 1960s to the public presentation at the Geneva International Motor Show of the Trepùno prototype in 2004, of the new 500 and 500C, the 500L through to the 500X. This visually rich and fascinating book explains not only the genesis and "design metamorphosis" of each model, but also their backgrounds, and explores the contributions of the designers who have helped to develop them with innovation and foresight.

Now available in eBook for the first time, Richard Yates's groundbreaking collection of short fiction. The stories in Liars in Love are concerned with troubled relations and the elusive nature of truth. Whether it be in the depiction of the complications of divorced families, grown-up daughters, estranged sisters, office friendships or fleeting love affairs, the pieces in this collection showcase Richard Yates's extraordinary gift for observation and his understanding of human frailty. In this collection, you'll discover some of the most influential and sharply observed short fiction of the 20th century, and find out why Richard Yates was a true American master.

La più importante raccolta di testi sullo zen, brevi e folgoranti racconti sulla via dell'illuminazione.

The book starts with an historical overview of road vehicles. The first part deals with the forces exchanged between the vehicle and the road and the vehicle and the air with the aim of supplying the physical facts and the relevant mathematical models about the forces which dominate the dynamics of the vehicle. The second part deals with the dynamic behaviour of the vehicle in normal driving conditions with some extensions towards conditions encountered in high-speed racing driving.

Uncertainty is everywhere. It lurks in every consideration of the future - the weather, the economy, the sex of an unborn child - even quantities we think that we know such as populations or the transit of the planets contain the possibility of error. It's no wonder that, throughout that history, we have attempted to produce rigidly defined areas of uncertainty - we prefer the surprise party to the surprise asteroid. We began our quest to make certain an uncertain world by reading omens in livers, tea leaves, and the stars. However, over the centuries, driven by curiosity, competition, and a desire to be better gamblers, pioneering mathematicians and scientists began to reduce wild uncertainties to tame distributions of probability and statistical inferences. But, even as unknown unknowns became known unknowns, our pessimism made us believe that some problems were unsolvable and our intuition misled us. Worse, as we realized how omnipresent and varied uncertainty is, we encountered chaos, quantum mechanics, and the limitations of our predictive power. Bestselling author Professor Ian Stewart explores the history and mathematics of uncertainty. Touching on gambling, probability, statistics, financial and weather forecasts, censuses, medical studies, chaos, quantum physics, and climate, he makes one thing clear: a reasonable probability is the only certainty.

The main reason that led the Authors to write the further Electrical Circuit book is mainly due to request of their students to have an ordered collection of the lesson arguments. The topics covered by the book are those generally carried out in the first or second year of bachelor, without referring specifically to a specific engineering course. The Authors have tried to deal with the various topics in a simple way, sometimes by limiting the generality of the demonstrations, in order to increase the skills of the student in the application of the electrical circuit theory. At the same time the Authors have not limited the complexity of the matter but have tried to present in a fairly complete way the various components, the various behaviours and methods of solution. Finally, at the end of the main chapters there are some numerical examples fully solved so that it can be tested by the student the knowledge of the theoretical concepts.

Published to coincide with Maserati's one-hundredth anniversary, this lavishly produced volume celebrates the glamour and excellence of Italian automotive style and design. Maserati traces the history of the legendary Italian luxury sports car company that was founded in 1914 by Alfieri Maserati and his three brothers, Bindo, Ernesto, and Ettore, and which went on to back-to-back wins at the Indianapolis 500—the only Italian car manufacturer ever to do so. The book profiles the twelve most iconic Maserati vehicles, including the best-selling Ghibli as well as the Quattroporte, GranTurismo, Bora, Berlinetta, and—for the first time ever published—the Alfieri, which has been described as the manifesto of the future of Maserati design. The book features stunningly precise photography that highlights the exquisite lines and lavish details of the vehicles, along with never before published images and technical and engineering highlights. Also included are special contributions by Lorenzo Ramaciotti, Giovanni Soldini, Franca Sozzani, Gillo Zegna, and Mario Botta.

This book is an introduction to automotive engineering, to give freshmen ideas about this technology. The text is subdivided in parts that cover all facets of the automobile, including legal and economic aspects related to industry and products, product configuration and fabrication processes, historic evolution and future developments. The first part describes how motor vehicles were invented and evolved into the present product in more than 100 years of development. The purpose is not only to supply an historical perspective, but also to introduce and discuss the many solutions that were applied (and could be applied again) to solve the same basic problems of vehicle engineering. This part also briefly describes the evolution of automotive technologies and market, including production and development processes. The second part deals with the description and function analysis of all car subsystems, such as: · vehicle body, · chassis, including wheels, suspensions, brakes and steering mechanisms, · diesel and gasoline engines, · electric motors, batteries, fuel cells, hybrid propulsion systems, · driveline, including manual and automatic gearboxes. This part addresses also many non-technical issues that influence vehicle design and production, such as social and economic impact of vehicles, market, regulations, particularly on pollution and safety. In spite of the difficulty in forecasting the paths that will be taken by automotive technology, the third part tries to open a window on the future. It is not meant to make predictions that are likely to be wrong, but to discuss the trends of automotive research and innovation and to see the possible paths that may be taken to solve the many problems that are at present open or we can expect for the future. The book is completed by two appendices about the contribution of computers in designing cars, particularly the car body and outlining fundamentals of vehicle mechanics, including aerodynamics, longitudinal (acceleration and braking) and transversal (path control) motion.

This book presents an energetic approach to the performance analysis of internal combustion engines, seen as attractive applications of the principles of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and energy transfer. Paying particular attention to the presentation of theory and practice in a balanced ratio, the book is an important aid both for students and for technicians, who want to widen their knowledge of basic principles required for design and development of internal combustion engines. New engine technologies are covered, together with recent developments in terms of: intake and exhaust flow optimization, design and development of supercharging systems, fuel metering and spray characteristic control, fluid turbulence motions, traditional and advanced combustion process analysis, formation and control of pollutant emissions and noise, heat transfer and cooling, fossil and renewable fuels, mono- and multi-dimensional models of termo-fluid-dynamic processes.

Mechanical engineering, and engineering discipline born of the needs of the industrial revolution, is once again asked to do its substantial share in the call for industrial renewal. The general call is urgent as we face profound issues of productivity and competitiveness that require engineering solutions, among others. The Mechanical Engineering Series is a series of tutoring graduate texts and research monographs intended to address the need for information in contemporary areas of mechanical engineering. The series is conceived as a comprehensive one that covers a broad range of concentrations important to mechanical engineering graduate education and research. We are fortunate to have a distinguished roster of series editors, each an expert in one of the areas of concentration. The names of the series editors are listed on page vi of this volume. The areas of concentration are applied mechanics, biomechanics, computational mechanics, dynamic systems and control, energetics, mechanics of materials, processing, thermal science, and tribology. Preface

After 15 years since the publication of *Vibration of Structures and Machines* and three subsequent editions a deep reorganization and

updating of the material was felt necessary. This new book on the subject of Vibration dynamics and control is organized in a larger number of shorter chapters, hoping that this can be helpful to the reader. New material has been added and many points have been updated. A larger number of examples and of exercises have been included.

"The Automotive Body" consists of two volumes. The first volume produced the needful cultural background on the body; it described the body and its components in use on most kinds of cars and industrial vehicles: the quantity of drawings that are presented allows the reader to familiarize with the design features and to understand functions, design motivations and fabrication feasibility, in view of the existing production processes. The purpose of this second volume is to explain the links which exist between satisfying the needs of the customer (either driver or passenger) and the specifications for vehicle design, and between the specifications for vehicle system and components. For this study a complete vehicle system must be considered, including, according to the nature of functions that will be discussed, more component classes than considered in Volume I, and, sometimes, also part of the chassis and the powertrain. These two books about the vehicle body may be added to those about the chassis and are part of a series sponsored by ATA (the Italian automotive engineers association) on the subject of automotive engineering; they follow the first book, published in 2005 in Italian only, about automotive transmission. They cover automotive engineering from every aspect and are the result of a five-year collaboration between the Polytechnical University of Turin and the University of Naples on automotive engineering.

• Un saggio divulgativo sul rapporto uomo/tecnologia • Punto di vista scientifico (Genta) e socio-culturale (Riberi) a confronto • Prefazioni di Lucio Russo, docente universitario di Matematica e Storia della Scienza, e di Giuseppe Tanzella-Nitti, astronomo e teologo

L'idea che l'uomo non sia l'unica forma di vita nell'universo è molto antica, ma è solo dagli anni '60 del '900 che l'argomento, da oggetto di speculazione filosofica e teologica, è divenuto centro di serie indagini scientifiche da parte della bioastronomia e dell'astrobiologia. Nonostante la scienza proceda con cautela e i risultati delle ricerche siano stati fino a oggi piuttosto deludenti, l'opinione pubblica pare non avere dubbi: varie stirpi di extraterrestri visiterebbero il nostro pianeta intrattenendo contatti con gli umani; tracce del loro passaggio sarebbero chiaramente rintracciabili in fonti storico-archeologiche; e per di più, ciò sarebbe ben noto ai governanti del mondo che terrebbero nascosta la verità per sete di potere. Ma è veramente possibile oggi dare risposta alla domanda: «Siamo soli nell'universo?». Attraverso un'approfondita analisi scientifica e storica, demistificando le più diffuse idee sull'argomento, e senza rinunciare a un tocco di ironia, gli autori fanno chiarezza su un tema attualissimo e quanto mai controverso, che in realtà tocca il profondo desiderio dell'uomo di varcare i confini del conosciuto.

Grande artista o abilissima propagandista? Il giudizio sulla Riefenstahl è ancora aperto e nasconde una questione più grande: il rapporto fra l'arte e la morale.

The period from the late fourth to the late second century B. C. witnessed, in Greek-speaking countries, an explosion of objective knowledge about the external world. While Greek culture had reached great heights in art, literature and philosophy already in the earlier classical era, it is in the so-called Hellenistic period that we see for the first time — anywhere in the world — the appearance of science as we understand it now: not an accumulation of facts or philosophically based speculations, but an organized effort to model nature and apply such models, or scientific theories in a sense we will make precise, to the solution of practical problems and to a growing understanding of nature. We owe this new approach to scientists such as Archimedes, Euclid, Eratosthenes and many others less familiar today but no less remarkable. Yet, not long after this golden period, much of this extraordinary development had been reversed. Rome borrowed what it was capable of from the Greeks and kept it for a little while yet, but created very little science of its own. Europe was soon smothered in the obscurantism and stasis that blocked most avenues of intellectual development for a thousand years — until, as is well known, the rediscovery of ancient culture in its fullness paved the way to the modern age.

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"Road Vehicle Dynamics supplies students and technicians working in industry with both the theoretical background of mechanical and automotive engineering, and the know-how needed to perform numerical simulations. Bringing together the foundations of the discipline and its recent developments in a single text, the book is structured in three parts: it begins with a historical overview of road vehicles; then deals with the forces exchanged between the vehicle and the road, and the vehicle and the air; and finally, deals with the dynamic behavior of the vehicle in normal driving conditions with some extensions towards conditions encountered in high-speed racing. Coverage of contemporary automatic controls is included in this edition."--Publisher's website.

Un'accurata analisi di come pregiudizi e ideologia lavorino spesso insieme per creare un falso mito, che lentamente mette radici finché non viene riconosciuto da tutti come verità.

This interdisciplinary book probes the subject of extraterrestrial intelligent life, offering scientific and technological implications, discussing the philosophical and religious connotations and rebuffing pseudo-scientific assertions such as 'rare earth'. The author discusses such philosophical questions as: What is intelligence? What is consciousness? Should we expect ETIs to be conscious beings? Also discussed is the viability of future astronautics which would enable closer human contact with ETI.

Based on lecture notes on a space robotics course, this book offers a pedagogical introduction to the mechanics of space robots. After presenting an overview of the environments and conditions space robots have to work in, the author discusses a variety of manipulatory devices robots may use to perform their tasks. This is followed by a discussion of robot mobility in these environments and the various technical approaches. The last two chapters are dedicated to actuators, sensors and power systems used in space robots. This book fills a gap in the space technology literature and will be useful for students and for those who have an interest in the broad and highly interdisciplinary field of space robotics, and in particular in its mechanical aspects.

In graphic novel format, retells stories from the gospels of Luke, Matthew, Mark, and John.

Our natural world has been irretrievably altered by humans, for humans. From domesticated wheat fields to nuclear power plants and spacecraft, everything we see and interact with has in some way been changed by the presence of our species, starting from the Neolithic era so many centuries ago. This book provides a crash course on the issues and debates surrounding technology's shifting place in our society. It covers the history of our increasingly black-box world, which some theorize will end with technology

accelerating beyond our understanding. At the same time, it analyzes competing trends and theories, the lack of scientific knowledge of large sections of the population, the dogmas of pseudoscience, and the growing suspicion of science and technology, which may inevitably lead to scientific stagnation. What will the future of our civilization look like? How soon might scientific acceleration or stagnation arrive at our doorstep, and just how radically will such technological shifts change our culture? These are issues that we must address now, to insure our future goes the way we choose.

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