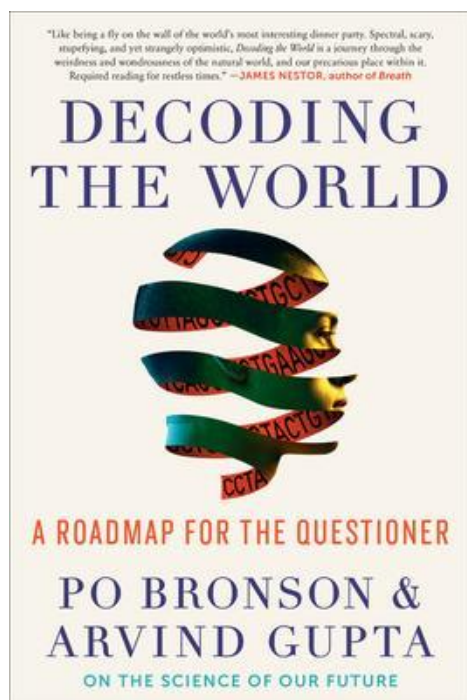




Decoding The World

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From topics ranging from biotech to bitcoin, *Decoding The World*, by Arvind Gupta and Po Bronson, is one of my favorite non-fiction books. This book focuses on highly relevant topics to our world today, but packs them into digestible chapters with easily understandable explanations. One chapter focuses on how the beginning of covid was due to the strain of the natural habitat of the bats that spread the disease to humans, and provides an analysis of how future interspecies transmission will be more greatly affected by climate change. There are many chapters that are just as interesting on topics like international policy, existentialism, and cancer treatments.

The structure of the book is also very interesting to me, *Decoding The World* has around twenty chapters, with alternating authors, sometimes written by Bronson and sometimes written by Gupta. I liked the concept of alternating between writing styles and ideas, with Gupta being more anecdotal and explanatory and Bronson being more analytical. Not only that, but the book is quite fast paced, and is 352 pages long so it can be finished in around a week, although I enjoyed reading one chapter each day to learn something new.

This book is recommended for anyone 14 and up, for some more advanced scientific theories and language. This is a good book for anyone who likes learning about science, and

wants to better understand how technology fits into our lives and our surroundings. This is also a great introduction to books on science, most of which are very fascinating.

Recommended Titles:

- The Gene: An Intimate History
- How The World Really Works
- Superforecasting
- Guns, Germs, and Steel