

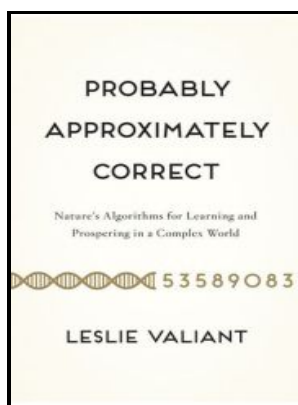
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Darwin among the Machines

Anything by a Dyson is going to be good, you can always count on that. Let me clear on this, however. Series Title: Responsibility: George B.

Darwin Among The Machines: The Evolution Of Global Intelligence by George B. Dyson, Paperback

Dyson makes the thoughtful argument that the age of intelligent machines began with Hobbes' Leviathan: we live in a world haunted by the non-human intelligences of states, capital, etc. Instead, what we get is quotes from the work of Gottfried Leibniz, Charles Babbage, Alan Turing and others though and are strangely absent.

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Not only fun but sometimes mind-blowing.

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But this is where my problem with the book lies: it suffers from an overload of quotes. Now in a new paperback edition, this classic work on the emergence of collective mechanical intelligence will resonate for generations to come. He wanted to write a history of I am not sure what: computer

science? I think it was even better and more comprehensive than Turing's Cathedral, really got me thinking and i recommend it to anyone who wants to understand information and intelligence.

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Thus the butterfly lays an egg, which egg can become a caterpillar, which caterpillar can become a chrysalis, which chrysalis can become a butterfly; and though I freely grant that the machines cannot be said to have more than the germ of a true reproductive system at present, have we not just seen that they have only recently obtained the germs of a mouth and stomach? Darwin Among the Machines is a fun book offering a perspective on the rise of the machines - self-acting, evolving machines achieving a level of consciousness. The main idea suggested by George Dyson in this book is simple: In the digital universe, too, a conscious mind will evolve naturally, rather than as the result of some design.

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Dyson concludes that we are in the midst of an experiment that echoes the prehistory of human intelligence and the origins of life. I rather fear he actually has nothing to say, but instead fills his book with never-ending quotations trawled from better tomes and cleverer heads.

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