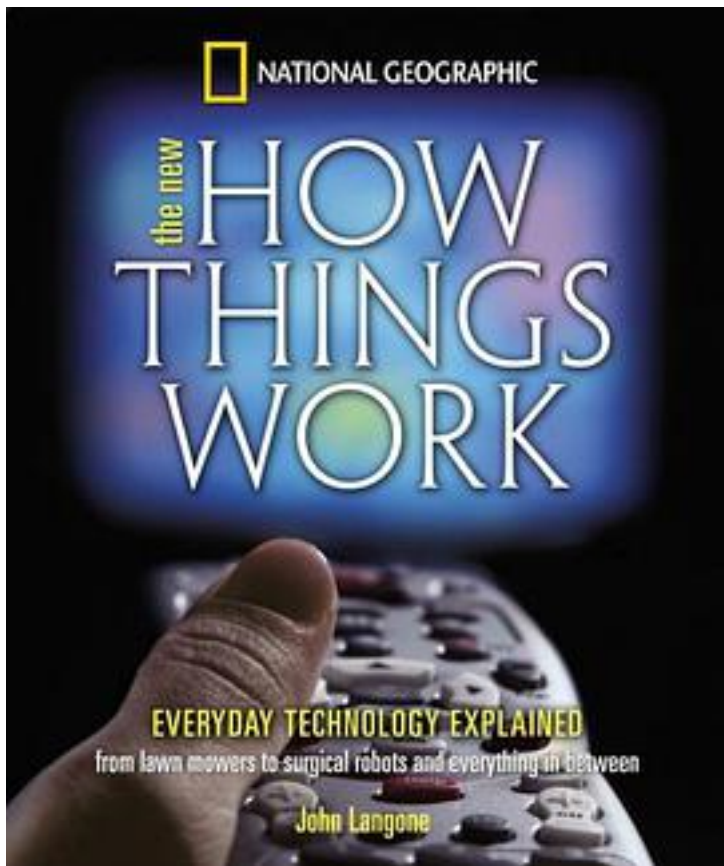


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Up-to-date, inviting, fun to read and highly illustrated, The New How Things Work will appeal to any curious person who asks why and how the marvellous machines and devices of our technology-driven world work - from a cell phone to a communications satellite. The New How Things Work updates the original with informative coverage of the objects and ideas that are changing our everyday lives, from DVDs and MP3 music

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