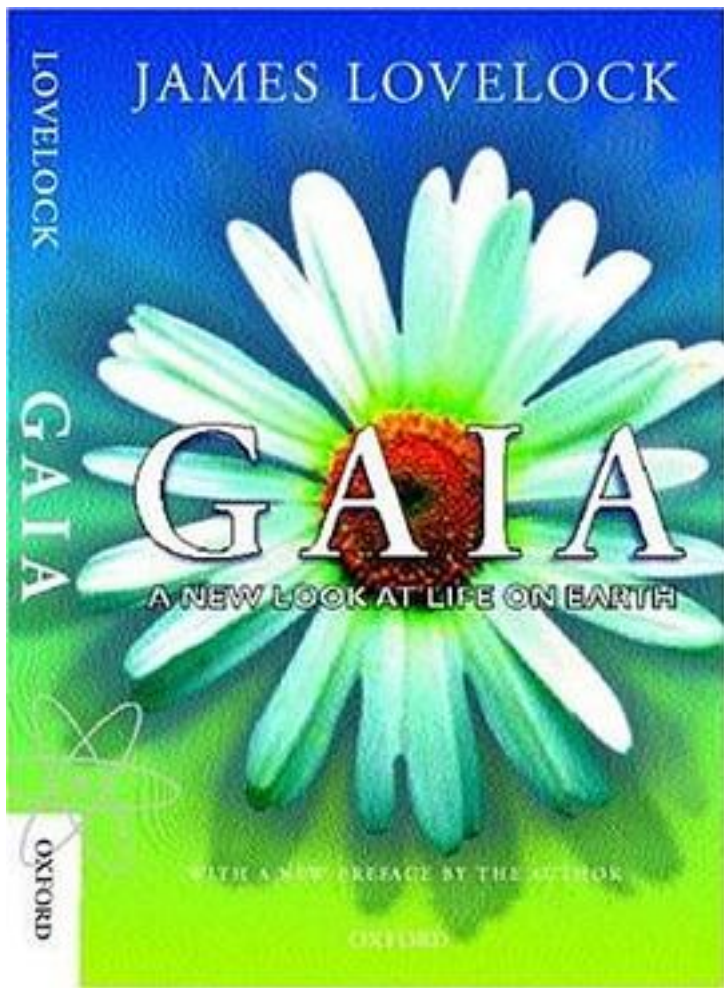


Gaia



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In this classic work that continues to inspire its many readers, James Lovelock deftly explains his idea that life on earth functions as a single organism. Written for the

non-scientist, Gaia is a journey through time and space in search of evidence with which to support a new and radically

different model of our planet. In contrast to conventional belief that living matter is passive in the face of threats to its existence, the book explores the hypothesis that the earth's living matter-air, ocean, and land surfaces-forms a complex system that has the capacity to keep the Earth a fit

place for life.

Since Gaia was first published, many of Jim Lovelock's predictions have come true, and his theory has become a hotly argued topic in scientific circles. Here, in a new Preface, Lovelock outlines his present state of the debate.

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要当作科学的非科学来读。

阐述生物地球化学在上个世纪最重要的假说Gaia Hypothesis的科普作品。由于这本书面向的主要对象是大众读者，专业人士在阅读时可以看到不少其论证中的谬误，以及某些陈旧的一时流行但现已抛弃的观点，但这并不影响对作者描绘的有关Gaia的big picture作批判式的欣赏与反思。科研工作者未必喜欢大众语境下对于Gaia的滥用，或许在专业领域以Earth System称之更为适宜。

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