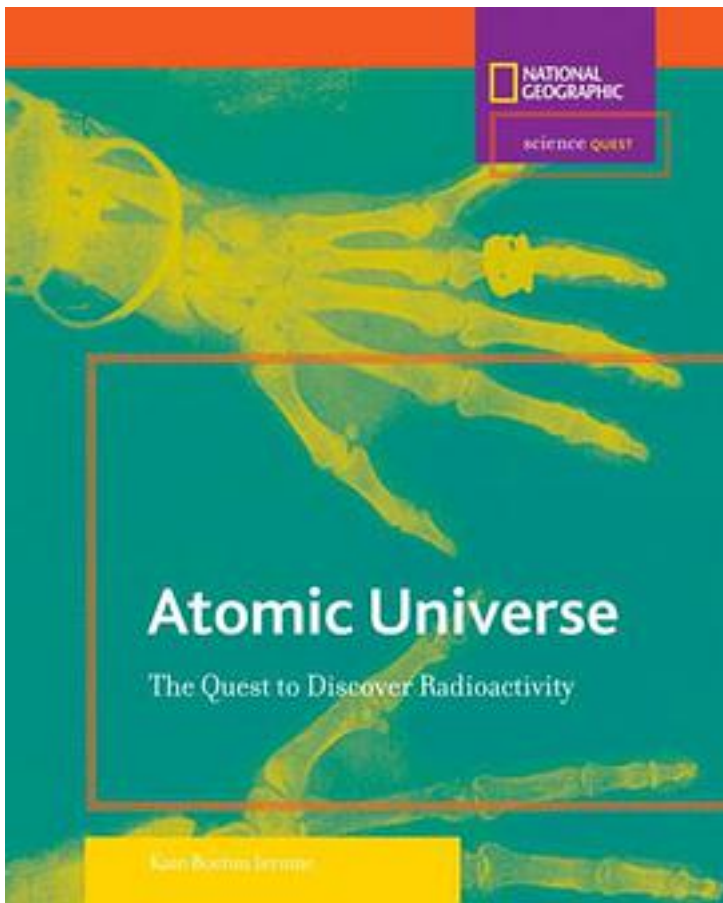


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Today radioactivity is widely used to treat cancer, to study fossils, and to power submarines, but until the late 1800s man's understanding of this scientific field was practically non-existent. Indeed, the discovery of spontaneous radioactivity was largely accidental--the by-product of research by the French scientist Henri Becquerel.

"Atomic Universe" traces the path to the discovery of radioactivity and places this major scientific breakthrough in the context of history. This intriguing book profiles the key scientific players and features inspirational accounts of their childhoods and their development as scientists.

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