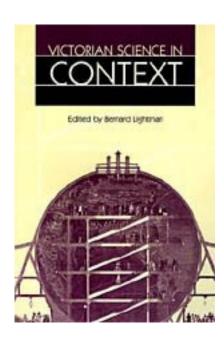
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Victorians were fascinated by the strange new worlds which science was revealing to them. Exotic plants and animals poured into London from all corners of the Empire, while revolutionary theories such as the radical idea that humans might be descended from apes drew forth heated debates. The aristocracy and the middle class avidly collected scientific specimens for display in their homes, and devoured literature about science and its practitioners. This study sets out to capture the essence of this fascination with science, charting the many ways in which science influenced and was influenced by the larger Victorian culture. The contributors show how practical concerns interacted with contextual issues to mould Victorian science - which in turn shaped much of the relationship between modern science and culture.

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