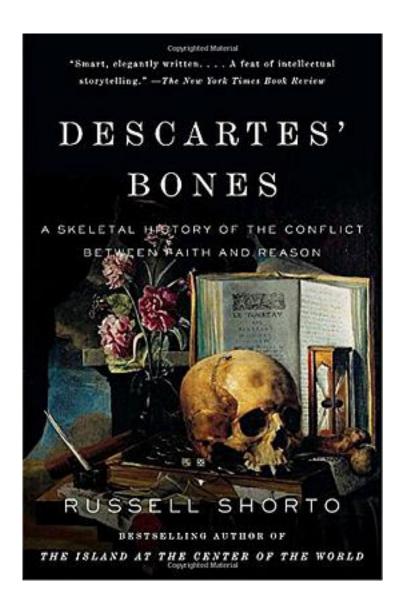
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The earthly remains of René Descartes have been disinterred several times since his death in 1650, and with each disturbance, some of his bones vanished into the hands of venerators. The irony of the material legacy of the philosopher of reason being regarded similarly to the relics of saints is not lost on Shorto, who pairs a detective narrative with his thoughts about what the story reveals about skepticism versus belief as features of modernity. As Shorto relates, uncertainty about the authenticity of the contents of Descartes' coffin accompanied its travels from Stockholm to Paris in 1666, culminating—when a skull purportedly that of Descartes surfaced in 1821—in an inquest conducted by the French Academy of Sciences. After describing subsequent attempts to fix the provenance of Descartes' remains, Shorto tenders his speculation that they were lost in the turmoil of the French Revolution. Giving rein to his curiosity about the postmortem Descartes, Shorto will pull in readers who enjoy a good history mystery seasoned with philosophical thoughts.

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评论

文笔很好,部分也很精彩,但总体来说选题不好、太窄,所以不得不使劲往更大的主题上扯。

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书评

一部分基督徒喜欢宣传这样一个说法:因为现代科学的奠基人比如笛卡尔、伽利略、牛顿、莱布尼茨等等都是基督徒,现代科学也是在基督教社会中发展起来的,所以,基督教不仅不与现代科学矛盾,还有大恩与现代科学。其实,这可以算是"后此谬误"的经典案例了。(注:拉丁文是 post...

对于很多生活在这个普遍弱智时代的人来说,被称作知识分子或许是一种侮辱,它意味着傲慢,意味着狭隘和钻牛角尖。但是"知识分子"一词也能包含着一种看待世界的方式,这种方式如今非常令人遗憾地变得日益稀有,我们或可将之称为对个人习性的一种坚持。P4 这本书不是对现代性…

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