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# The Fly in the Ointment

70 Fascinating Commentaries on the Science of Everyday Life

by Dr. Joe Schwarcz

Aphrodisiacs, bottled waters, vitamins, plastic wrap, DDT, Alzheimer's, and smoked meat: little escapes Dr. Joe's critical eye. From pesticides and environmental estrogens to lipstick and garlic, Dr. Joe focuses on the science of our everyday world in *The Fly in the Ointment*. Although proper scientific investigation gives us tremendous advantages, he reminds us that there is often "a fly in the ointment." Learn about the benefits of broccoli and the pitfalls of "natural" remedies. Explore the science of Agatha Christie, Harry Potter, and Erin Brockovich, and find out how a chemical error nearly led an unfortunate Patricia Stallings to be found guilty of murdering her son. On the heels of his previous best-sellers, award-winning author Dr. Joe Schwarcz once again demystifies the science that surrounds us with *The Fly in the Ointment*.

