Ignorance

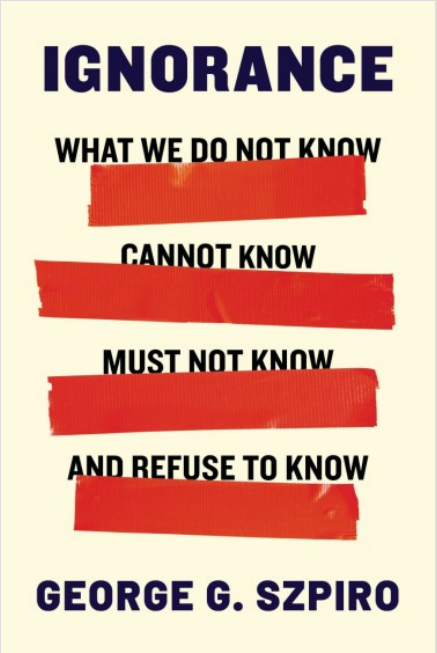
What We Do Not Know, Cannot Know, Must Not Know, and Refuse to Know

Autor

George G. Szpiro

Sinopsis

Does the lack of evidence mean that aliens don’t exist? Why does an unproven mathematical hypothesis have profound consequences? Are humans capable of grasping the nature of divinity? Is it ethical to give a patient a placebo? Why do people persist in demonstrably false beliefs like flat earth theory? Should someone want to know when they will die? George G. Szpiro examines these questions and many others, offering an engaging and witty tour of what we can learn from ignorance. In a series of fast-paced chapters, he unravels problems ranging across science, mathematics, law, economics, politics, religion, psychology, and philosophy—some esoteric, others drawn from everyday life. Ignorance comes in many forms, Szpiro shows. Some questions are only temporarily unsolved; others are inherently unanswerable. Sometimes authorities keep answers from us, for good or ill. Often our assumptions and biases keep us from overcoming our ignorance, and occasionally we choose to remain ignorant—for surprisingly rational reasons. Ultimately, Szpiro argues, ignorance is not purely negative. It can motivate the pursuit of learning and wisdom—as long as we acknowledge it. Presenting sophisticated topics in an accessible way, this book shows how ignorance sheds light on the nature of knowledge.



Escanea para ver en línea

Impreso

Año de publicación: 2025

Presentación: A-format paperback (Libro)

Número absoluto de páginas: 344 Páginas

ISBN13: 9780231221658

$68.000 COP

2026 © Sistema Integrado de Metadata Estandarizada desarrollado por Hipertexto - Netizen



Sobre el autor

George G. Szpiro

is an author and journalist who was a longtime correspondent for the Swiss daily Neue Zürcher Zeitung.

E-Book

Año de publicación: 2025

Presentación: PDF (Digital: descarga y online)

Tamaño: 13.02 Megabytes (MB)

Número absoluto de páginas: 344 Páginas

ISBN13: 9780231565332

$93.100 COP

E-Book

Año de publicación: 2025

Presentación: EPUB (Digital: descarga y online)

Número absoluto de páginas: 344 Páginas

ISBN13: 9780231563833

$93.100 COP

IBD

Año de publicación: 2026

Presentación: Trade paperback (EE.UU) (Libro)

Tamaño: 21.6 x 14 cm

Número de páginas del contenido principal: 344 Páginas

ISBN13: 9780231221658

$79.825 ARS

2026 © Sistema Integrado de Metadata Estandarizada desarrollado por Hipertexto - Netizen

His previous Columbia University Press books are Risk, Choice, and Uncertainty: Three Centuries of Economic Decision-Making (2020) and Perplexing Paradoxes: Unraveling Enigmas in the World Around Us (2024). Szpiro was on the faculty at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



Palabras clave

Ignorance; Knowledge; Limits of knowledge; Science; Philosophy; Law; Economics; Politics; Medicine; Technology; Religion; Society; Unanswered questions; Human comprehension; Withheld information; Avoided truths

2026 © Sistema Integrado de Metadata Estandarizada desarrollado por Hipertexto - Netizen