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Die Wissenschaft lebt vom Streit - ein Fakt, der in der Geschichte vielfach bewiesen wurde. Zehn der faszinierendsten Dispute vom 17. bis zum 20. Jahrhundert werden in diesem Buch spannend und nicht ohne Dramatik erzählt - dazu gehören der Streit zwischen Galilei und Papst Urban (darüber, ob sich die Erde um die Sonne dreht) und der Disput über die Darwinsche Evolutionstheorie. Einprägsame Beweise dafür, daß sich hinter jedem Wissenschaftler auch ein Mensch verbirgt! (09/99)

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