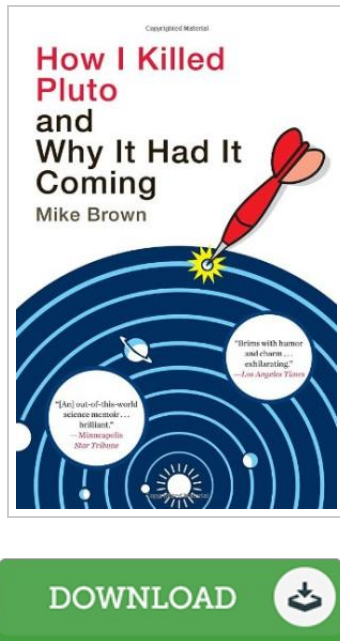




How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming

By Brown, Mike

Spiegel & Grau, 2012. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: Praise for How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming "Brown's brisk, enjoyable How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming chronicles the whole saga [of the demotion of Pluto] and, in the process, makes Pluto's sad fate easier to take. If we've lost a planet, we've gained a sprightly new voice for popular science. Writing with an appealing wit, Mr. Brown resists the glibness to which science popularizations sometimes fall prey. Instead he leavens his scientific account with a memoir of how he discovered the joys of becoming a husband and a father during the same period that he thought he was discovering planets. It's a refreshing twist on stereotype: the scientist neither as madman nor mystic, but mensch. The cheerful, unaffected tone makes it hard not to like Mr. Brown, and to root for him when he finds himself in the midst of controversy. Amazingly, the author spins these parliamentary proceedings into a nail-biting roller-coaster ride: the skulduggery of secret committees, the raucous debate, the white-knuckle final tally. How many planets will we end up with? Eight? Twelve?...



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