

THE COOKBOOK OF LIFE

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The Cookbook of Life is written in a humorous tone and different theories about the origin of life are compared with Mediterranean (Croatian) or homemade dishes. The aim of the book is to present recent theories on the origin of life on Earth and to come up with author's own views on the topic. It is intended for an educated layman, with high-school level proficiency in biology and chemistry.

"Chemical education background, on one side, and fine writer experience on the other, is quite evident in the book", wrote Academician Mladen Juračić, the first referee. "Nenad Raos balances very well between nice personal accounts of his family life, the social environment in which he grew up after the WWII and cooking and nutrition habits in those days on one side, and serious (chemical) explanation and questioning (with some humour also) of different theories on the origin of life (Darwin's 'warm little pond', panspermia theories, Oparin's 'bouillon', Miller's 'something pink in the flask', RNA-world, PAH and the hydrothermal vent theories) on the other."

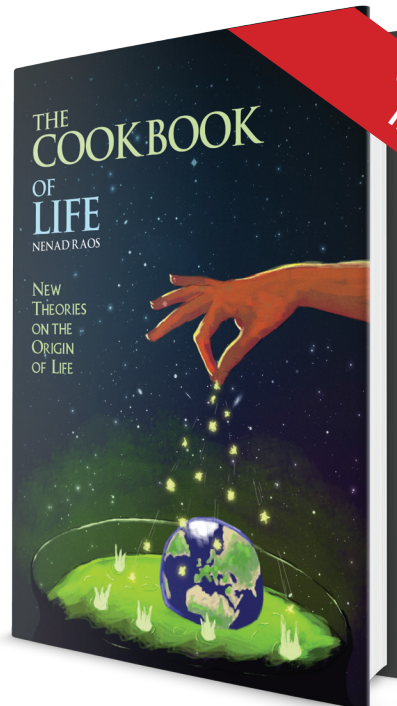
"Well acquainted with Raos' erudition and writing experience I expected a very good text, but the book exceeded all my expectations", wrote the second referee, Professor Dario Hrupec, adding "It is exceptionally interesting and readable."

Author of the book Dr. **Nenad Raos** is the author of more than a hundred scientific and professional papers in the field of theoretical and bioinorganic chemistry, history of science and chemistry education, along with two university textbooks on drug design and 13 books in popular science.

A very amusing book for people with developed taste and subtle scientific sensibility.

(Dr. Petar T. Mitrikeski, biologist)

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