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Top 10 science and tech books for October: Amazon, sharks and the French Resistance

Jeff Bezos under the microscope in *The Everything Store*, a haunting photographic depiction of the ocean's most-feared inhabitant, and the rapport between Albert Camus and Jacques Monod examined

Amelia Walsh

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French writer and philosopher Albert Camus. Photograph: Kurt Hutton/Getty Images

Smart Cities

Anthony Townsend

Townsend unpicks the digital nervous system pulsing invisibly through our cities and urges us to view ourselves as its empowered collaborators rather than its victims.

Curve

Nicholas Lovell

From the commercial vortex of the internet, Lovell has neatly forged *The Curve*, a comprehensive consumer-buyer model any business can lucratively exploit.

Minecraft: The Unlikely Tale of Markus "Notch" Persson and the Game that Changed Everything

Daniel Goldberg, Linus Larsson and Jennifer Hawkins

An insight into the life of the fedora-toting enigma.

The Drugs Don't Work: A Global Threat

Professor Dame Sally C Davies

As we anaesthetise our immune systems with capsules, argues Davies, a future of incurable illnesses inches closer.

Brave Genius

Sean P Carroll

Carroll traces the French Resistance campaigns of Nobel prize winners Albert Camus and molecular biologist Jacques Monod and makes the case for an osmotic rapport between them.

The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of

Amazon

Brad Stone

"We're never going to have sofas, we're never going to have lattes," Bezos told *Business Week*. Stone investigates the mogul's ethic in this biography.

Love and Math

Edward Frenkel

Reasoning that some of us are unwilling to engage with maths because we cannot see it, Professor Frenkel relates it tirelessly to things we can. A colourful paean to numbers.

Social: Why Our Brains are Wired to Connect

Matthew D Lieberman

Lieberman animates our grey matter as a frenziedly active kernel looking for ways to synchronize our reflexes with others.

Sharks and People

Thomas P Peschak

A haunting collection of photographs depicting our uneasy relationship with the ocean's most-feared inhabitant, from depictions of shark-fin trade brutality to moments of serene co-operation.

Five Billion Years of Solitude

Lee Billings

A meditation on the search for life beyond ourselves as both a scientific quest and an attempt to soothe the ache of modern loneliness.



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