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Title: Stories of science and self: A book of astrobiologists' memoirs

Abstract:

Following a response of “yes” yet again, I found myself editing a collection of memoirs that describe the lives – not just the science – of some of the people who have advanced our understanding of the conditions for life on Earth and in the universe. These scientists, astrobiologists broadly who also have their own particular science niche, come from a variety of career stages and disciplines. In this book, the first of its kind, they share their stories of passion and persistence, as they search for answers to some of the biggest questions we have about life on Earth and elsewhere. This talk will describe the process of editing a book, including finding contributors, reviewing chapters, interfacing with scientists and publishers, and sending a book (almost) to the printer.

The book is currently advertised for sale (coming soon!) [here on the Routledge website](#).