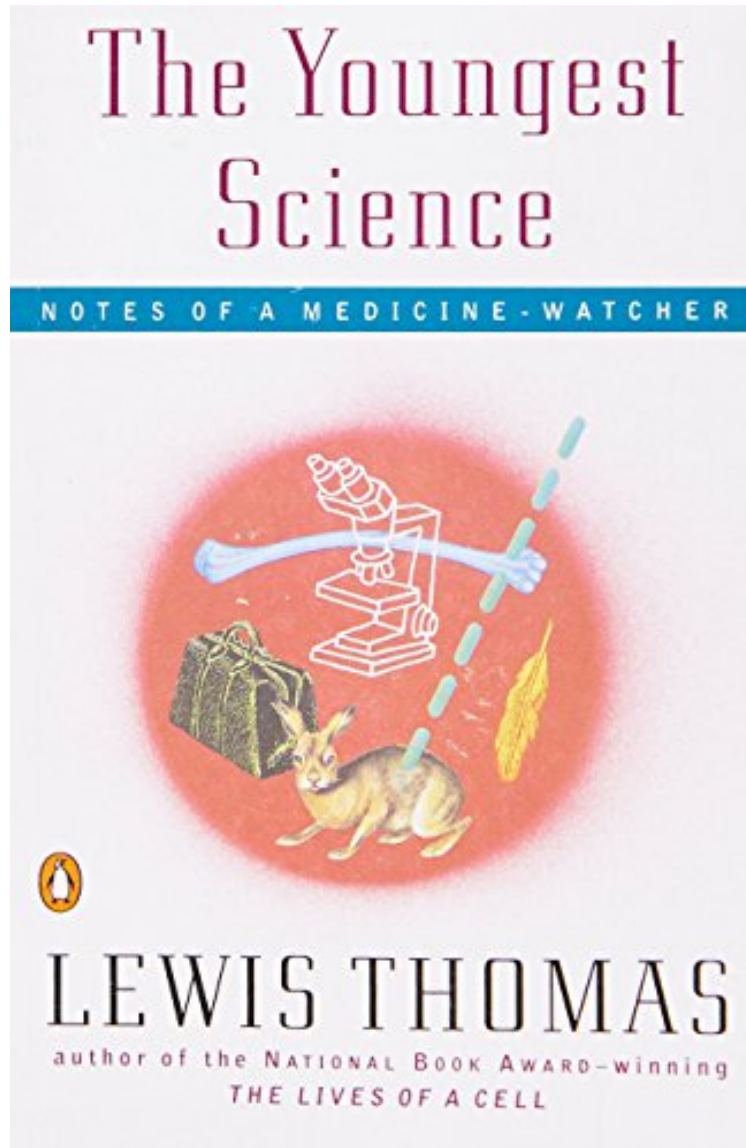


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About the Author Lewis Thomas was a physician, poet, etymologist, essayist, administrator, educator, policy advisor, and researcher. A graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Medical School, he was the dean of Yale Medical School and New York University School of Medicine, and the president of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute. He wrote regularly in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and his essays were published in several collections, including *The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher*, which won two National Book Awards and a Christopher Award, and *The Medusa and the Snail*, which won the National Book Award in Science. He died in 1993.