

# DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS

## A SPELLBINDING VOYAGE INTO THE HEART OF CONNECTION

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A JOURNEY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, A NARRATIVE WOVEN WITH THE THREADS OF PROFOUND INSIGHT AND DAZZLING IMAGINATION. "DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS" ISN'T MERELY A BOOK; IT'S AN INVITATION TO A REALM WHERE THE ORDINARY TRANSFORMS INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY, AND WHERE EVERY OBSERVATION BECOMES A PORTAL TO DEEPER UNDERSTANDING. FROM THE VERY FIRST PAGE, YOU'LL BE SWEPT AWAY BY A SETTING SO VIVIDLY REALIZED, SO BRIMMING WITH WONDER, THAT IT FEELS LESS LIKE READING AND MORE LIKE EXPERIENCING A WAKING DREAM.

THIS IS A BOOK THAT SPEAKS TO THE VERY CORE OF OUR BEING, IMBUING ITS EXPLORATION OF CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH AN EMOTIONAL DEPTH THAT RESONATES LONG AFTER YOU'VE TURNED THE FINAL PAGE. IT MASTERFULLY ILLUSTRATES HOW SEEMINGLY DISCONNECTED EVENTS ARE, IN FACT, PART OF AN INTRICATE, BEAUTIFUL DANCE. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF EMPATHIZING WITH THE CHARACTERS' QUESTS FOR MEANING, THEIR STRUGGLES TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERIES OF THEIR WORLD, AND ULTIMATELY, THEIR TRIUMPHS IN DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN CURRENTS THAT SHAPE THEIR DESTINIES. THIS EMOTIONAL RESONANCE MAKES THE COMPLEX CONCEPTS ACCESSIBLE AND UTTERLY CAPTIVATING.

WHAT TRULY SETS "DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS" APART IS ITS REMARKABLE UNIVERSAL APPEAL. WHETHER YOU ARE A SEASONED ACADEMIC SEEKING FRESH PERSPECTIVES, A CURIOUS NOVICE EAGER TO EXPLORE NEW IDEAS, OR SIMPLY A READER WHO CHERISHES A COMPELLING STORY, THIS BOOK OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. IT HAS A MAGICAL ABILITY TO TRANSCEND AGE AND BACKGROUND, REMINDING US OF THE SHARED HUMAN DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THINGS HAPPEN THE WAY THEY DO. CHILDREN WILL DELIGHT IN THE IMAGINATIVE SCENARIOS, WHILE ADULTS WILL APPRECIATE THE SOPHISTICATED YET ELEGANTLY EXPLAINED PRINCIPLES.

THE AUTHORS HAVE CRAFTED A NARRATIVE THAT IS BOTH INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING AND EMOTIONALLY FULFILLING. THEY PRESENT COMPLEX IDEAS WITH A CLARITY AND GRACE THAT TRANSFORMS WHAT COULD BE DRY THEORY INTO A THRILLING ADVENTURE OF DISCOVERY. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH THE MATERIAL, PIECING TOGETHER CLUES ALONGSIDE THE CHARACTERS, AND EXPERIENCING THE EXHILARATING 'AHA!' MOMENTS AS THE CAUSAL LINKS BECOME CLEAR.

**THIS BOOK IS A TREASURE**, A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF CURIOSITY AND THE BEAUTY OF INTERCONNECTEDNESS. IT ENCOURAGES US TO LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US WITH FRESH EYES, TO QUESTION, TO EXPLORE, AND TO CELEBRATE THE INTRICATE WEB OF CAUSE AND EFFECT THAT GOVERNS OUR LIVES. IT'S A STORY THAT FOSTERS A SENSE OF OPTIMISM, SHOWING US THAT WITH CAREFUL OBSERVATION AND THOUGHTFUL INQUIRY, WE CAN INDEED UNCOVER THE UNDERLYING STRUCTURES THAT

MAKE OUR WORLD, AND OURSELVES, TICK.

IT IS A TIMELESS CLASSIC THAT CONTINUES TO CAPTURE HEARTS WORLDWIDE. ITS ABILITY TO BLEND PROFOUND LEARNING WITH AN ENCHANTING NARRATIVE MAKES IT AN INDISPENSABLE ADDITION TO ANY BOOKSHELF. IF YOU ARE SEEKING A BOOK THAT WILL BOTH EDUCATE AND INSPIRE, A BOOK THAT WILL SPARK YOUR IMAGINATION AND TOUCH YOUR SOUL, THEN LOOK NO FURTHER.

**WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMEND** "Discovering Causal Structure From Observations." This is more than just a read; it's an experience. It's a journey that will leave you enlightened, enriched, and with a renewed sense of wonder about the universe and your place within it. Prepare to be captivated, enlightened, and forever changed by this truly magical book.

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DIRECTED GRAPHICAL MODELS ARE COMMONLY USED TO MODEL CAUSAL RELATIONS BETWEEN RANDOM VARIABLES AND TO UNDERSTAND CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCIES IN THEIR JOINT DISTRIBUTIONS. WE FOCUS ON THE CRUCIAL TASK OF STRUCTURE LEARNING WHICH AIMS TO RECOVER GRAPHICAL STRUCTURES USING OBSERVATIONAL DATA SAMPLED FROM DISTRIBUTIONS THAT OBEY CERTAIN UNDERLYING GRAPHICAL MODEL

A COMMON CHALLENGE IN STRUCTURE LEARNING IS THE COMPUTATIONAL AND STATISTICAL COST OF LEARNING LARGE GRAPHS OR USING HIGH DIMENSIONAL DATA IN THIS DISSERTATION WE STUDY FOUR CASES WHERE THE EFFICIENCY OF STRUCTURE LEARNING COULD BE IMPROVED OVER EXISTING METHODS WE PROPOSE NEW ALGORITHMS AND PROVIDE THEORETICAL CONSISTENCY GUARANTEES FIRST WE STUDY A SIMPLE SETTING OF LINEAR STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODEL SEM WITH EQUAL ERROR VARIANCES IT IS KNOWN THAT IN THIS SETTING THE DAG CAN BE UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED FROM OBSERVATIONAL DATA WE PROPOSED IN CHAPTER 2 A SIMPLE YET STATE OF THE ART PROCEDURE THAT SEQUENTIALLY ESTIMATES THE CAUSAL ORDERING OF THE RANDOM VARIABLES THIS PROCEDURE IS CONSISTENT AND READILY EXTENDABLE TO HIGH DIMENSIONAL SETTING WE PROVIDED THEORETICAL GUARANTEES AS WELL AS SIMULATION RESULTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE EFFICIENCY IN CHAPTER 3 WE CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF STRUCTURE LEARNING IN SPARSE HIGH DIMENSIONAL SETTINGS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF UNMEASURED CONFOUNDERS AS WELL AS SELECTION BIAS BASED ON THE STRUCTURE FOUND IN COMMON FAMILIES OF LARGE RANDOM NETWORKS AND EXAMINING THE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL STRUCTURES IN LINEAR SEM WE PROPOSE A NEW LOCAL NOTION OF SPARSITY FOR CONSISTENT STRUCTURE LEARNING IN THE PRESENCE OF LATENT AND SELECTION VARIABLES AND DEVELOP A NEW VERSION OF THE FAST CAUSAL INFERENCE FCI ALGORITHM WITH REDUCED COMPUTATIONAL AND SAMPLE COMPLEXITY WHICH WE REFER TO AS LOCAL FCI LFCI THE NEW NOTION OF SPARSITY ALLOWS THE PRESENCE OF HIGHLY CONNECTED HUB NODES WHICH ARE COMMON IN REAL WORLD NETWORKS BUT PROBLEMATIC FOR EXISTING METHODS OUR NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS INDICATE THAT THE LFCI ALGORITHM ACHIEVES STATE OF THE ART PERFORMANCE ACROSS MANY CLASSES OF LARGE RANDOM NETWORKS CONTAINING HUB NODES IN DAGS DIRECTED PATHS REPRESENT CAUSAL PATHWAYS BETWEEN THE CORRESPONDING VARIABLES THE VARIABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF SUCH A PATH IS REFERRED TO AS AN ANCESTOR OF THE VARIABLE AT THE END OF THE PATH IN CHAPTER 4 WE INVESTIGATE THE GRAPHICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ANCESTRAL RELATIONS VIA CPDAGS AND D SEPARATION RELATIONS WE PROPOSE A FRAMEWORK THAT CAN LEARN DEFINITE NON ANCESTRAL RELATIONS WITHOUT FIRST LEARNING THE SKELETON WE DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS FRAMEWORK YIELDS STRUCTURAL INFORMATION THAT CAN BE USED IN BOTH SCORE AND CONSTRAINT BASED ALGORITHMS TO LEARN CAUSAL DAGS MORE EFFICIENTLY IN CHAPTER 5 WE CONSIDER AN INTERMEDIATE PROBLEM IN DAG LEARNING WHERE A PARTIAL CAUSAL ORDERING OF VARIABLES IS AVAILABLE WE DISCUSS A GENERAL ESTIMATION PROCEDURE FOR DISCOVERING DAGS WITH ARBITRARY STRUCTURE FROM PARTIAL ORDERINGS WE ALSO PRESENT EFFICIENT ESTIMATION ALGORITHMS FOR TWO POPULAR CLASSES OF HIGH DIMENSIONAL SPARSE DIRECTED ACYCLIC GRAPHS NAMELY LINEAR AND ADDITIVE STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELS

DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND STATISTICAL MODELING PROVIDES INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM CALLED TETRAD THIS BOOK DISCUSSES THE VERSION OF THE TETRAD PROGRAM WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR CAUSAL EXPLANATIONS OF STATISTICAL DATA OR ALTERNATIVE MODELS THIS TEXT THEN EXAMINES THE NOTION OF APPLYING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE METHODS TO PROBLEMS OF STATISTICAL MODEL SPECIFICATION OTHER CHAPTERS CONSIDER HOW THE TETRAD PROGRAM CAN HELP TO FIND GOOD ALTERNATIVE MODELS WHERE THEY EXIST AND HOW IT CAN HELP DETECT THE EXISTENCE OF IMPORTANT NEGLECTED VARIABLES THIS BOOK DISCUSSES AS WELL THE PROCEDURES FOR SPECIFYING A MODEL OR MODELS TO ACCOUNT FOR NON EXPERIMENTAL OR QUASI EXPERIMENTAL DATA THE FINAL CHAPTER PRESENTS A DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMAT OF INPUT FILES AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH COMMAND THIS BOOK IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS

THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF CAUSAL REASONING OFFERS A STATE OF THE ART REVIEW OF ONE OF OUR MOST

CENTRAL COGNITIVE COMPETENCIES WHICH HAS FOR A LONG TIME BEEN NEGLECTED IN COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY THIS HANDBOOK PROVIDES INTRODUCTIONS OF COMPETING THEORIES OF CAUSAL REASONING AND DISCUSSES ITS ROLE IN VARIOUS COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS AND DOMAINS

UNDERSTANDING CAUSAL STRUCTURE IS A CENTRAL TASK OF HUMAN COGNITION CAUSAL LEARNING UNDERPINS THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CONCEPTS AND CATEGORIES OUR INTUITIVE THEORIES AND OUR CAPACITIES FOR PLANNING IMAGINATION AND INFERENCE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY REVOLUTION IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF LEARNING AND REASONING RESEARCHERS IN PHILOSOPHY PSYCHOLOGY AND COMPUTATION HAVE DISCOVERED NEW MECHANISMS FOR LEARNING THE CAUSAL STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD THIS NEW WORK PROVIDES A RIGOROUS FORMAL BASIS FOR THEORY THEORIES OF CONCEPTS AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND MOREOVER THE CAUSAL LEARNING MECHANISMS IT HAS UNCOVERED GO DRAMATICALLY BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL MECHANISMS OF BOTH NATIVIST THEORIES SUCH AS MODULARITY THEORIES AND EMPIRICIST ONES SUCH AS ASSOCIATION OR CONNECTIONISM

ABSTRACT THIS PAPER IS CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF MAKING CAUSAL INFERENCE FROM OBSERVATIONAL DATA WHEN THE UNDERLYING CAUSAL STRUCTURE MAY INVOLVE FEEDBACK LOOPS IN PARTICULAR MAKING CAUSAL INFERENCE UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE CAUSAL SYSTEM WHICH GENERATED THE DATA IS LINEAR AND THAT THERE ARE NO UNMEASURED COMMON CAUSES LATENT VARIABLES LINEAR CAUSAL STRUCTURES OF THIS TYPE CAN BE REPRESENTED BY NON RECURSIVE LINEAR STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELS I PRESENT A CORRECT POLYNOMIAL TIME ON SPARSE GRAPHS DISCOVERY ALGORITHM FOR LINEAR CYCLIC MODELS THAT CONTAIN NO LATENT VARIABLES THIS ALGORITHM OUTPUTS A REPRESENTATION OF A CLASS OF NON RECURSIVE LINEAR STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELS GIVEN OBSERVATIONAL DATA AS INPUT UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCIES FOUND IN THE OBSERVATIONAL DATA ARE TRUE FOR STRUCTURAL REASONS RATHER THAN BECAUSE OF PARTICULAR PARAMETER VALUES THE ALGORITHM DISCOVERS CAUSAL FEATURES OF THE STRUCTURE WHICH GENERATED THE DATA A SIMPLE MODIFICATION OF THE ALGORITHM CAN BE USED AS A DECISION PROCEDURE WHOSE RUNTIME IS POLYNOMIAL IN THE NUMBER OF VERTICES FOR DETERMINING WHEN TWO DIRECTED GRAPHS CYCLIC OR ACYCLIC ENTAIL THE SAME SET OF CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE RELATIONS AFTER PROVING THAT THE ALGORITHM IS CORRECT I THEN SHOW THAT IT IS ALSO COMPLETE IN THE SENSE THAT IF TWO LINEAR STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELS ARE USED AS CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE ORACLES FOR THE DISCOVERY ALGORITHM THEN THE ALGORITHM WILL GIVE THE SAME OUTPUT ONLY IF EVERY CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE ENTAILED BY ONE MODEL IS ENTAILED BY THE OTHER AND VICE VERSA ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THIS IS THAT THE ALGORITHM CAN BE USED AS A DECISION PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING MARKOV EQUIVALENCE OF DIRECTED CYCLIC GRAPHS IF THE CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH TWO CYCLIC GRAPHS RESULT IN THE SAME OUTPUT FROM THE ALGORITHM WHEN USED AS INPUT THEN THE TWO GRAPHS ARE EQUIVALENT

OVER THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS A LARGE NUMBER OF ALGORITHMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO LEARN THE STRUCTURE OF CAUSAL GRAPHICAL MODELS MANY OF THESE ALGORITHMS LEARN CAUSAL STRUCTURES BY ANALYZING THE IMPLICATIONS OF OBSERVED CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE AMONG VARIABLES THAT DESCRIBE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DOMAIN BEING ANALYZED THEY DO SO BY APPLYING INFERENCE RULES DATA ANALYSIS OPERATIONS SUCH AS THE CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE TESTS EACH OF WHICH CAN ELIMINATE LARGE PARTS OF THE SPACE OF POSSIBLE CAUSAL STRUCTURES RESULTS SHOW THAT THE SEQUENCE OF INFERENCE RULES USED BY PC A WIDELY APPLIED ALGORITHM FOR CONSTRAINT BASED LEARNING OF CAUSAL MODELS IS EFFECTIVE BUT NOT OPTIMAL THIS IS BECAUSE ALGORITHMS SUCH AS PC IGNORE THE

PROBABILITY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THESE INFERENCE RULES WE DEMONSTRATE HOW AN ALTERNATIVE ALGORITHM CAN RELIABLY OUTPERFORM PC BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROBABILITY OF INFERENCE RULE OUTCOMES SPECIFICALLY WE SHOW THAT AN INFORMED SEARCH THAT BASES THE ORDER OF CAUSAL INFERENCE ON A PRIOR PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OVER THE SPACE OF CAUSAL CONSTRAINTS CAN GENERATE A FLEXIBLE SEQUENCE OF ANALYSIS THAT EFFICIENTLY IDENTIFIES THE SAME RESULTS AS PC THIS CLASS OF ALGORITHMS IS ABLE TO OUTPERFORM PC EVEN UNDER UNIFORM OR ERRONEOUS PRIORS

RECENT ARGUMENTS CONCERNING THE NATURE OF CAUSATION IN EVOLUTIONARY THEORY NOW OFTEN KNOWN AS THE DEBATE BETWEEN THE CAUSALIST AND STATISTICALIST POSITIONS HAVE INVOLVED ANSWERS TO A VARIETY OF INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS DEFINITIONS OF KEY EVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTS LIKE NATURAL SELECTION FITNESS AND GENETIC DRIFT CAUSATION IN MULTI LEVEL SYSTEMS OR THE NATURE OF EVOLUTIONARY EXPLANATIONS AMONG OTHERS THIS ELEMENT OFFERS A WAY TO DISENTANGLE ONE SET OF THESE QUESTIONS SURROUNDING THE CAUSAL STRUCTURE OF NATURAL SELECTION DOING SO ALLOWS US TO CLEARLY RECONSTRUCT THE APPROACH THAT SOME OF THESE MAJOR COMPETING INTERPRETATIONS OF EVOLUTIONARY THEORY HAVE TO THIS CAUSAL STRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTING PARTICULAR FEATURES OF PHILOSOPHICAL INTEREST WITHIN EACH FURTHER THOSE FEATURES CONCERN PROBLEMS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEM AND IN TWO CASE STUDIES CONTEMPORARY METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS DEMONSTRATE THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF BROADER COLLABORATION IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF EVOLUTION

HUMAN BEINGS ARE ACTIVE AGENTS WHO CAN THINK TO UNDERSTAND HOW THOUGHT SERVES ACTION REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING HOW PEOPLE CONCEIVE OF THE RELATION BETWEEN CAUSE AND EFFECT BETWEEN ACTION AND OUTCOME IN COGNITIVE TERMS HOW DO PEOPLE CONSTRUCT AND REASON WITH THE CAUSAL MODELS WE USE TO REPRESENT OUR WORLD A REVOLUTION IS OCCURRING IN HOW STATISTICIANS PHILOSOPHERS AND COMPUTER SCIENTISTS ANSWER THIS QUESTION THOSE FIELDS HAVE USHERED IN NEW INSIGHTS ABOUT CAUSAL MODELS BY THINKING ABOUT HOW TO REPRESENT CAUSAL STRUCTURE MATHEMATICALLY IN A FRAMEWORK THAT USES GRAPHS AND PROBABILITY THEORY TO DEVELOP WHAT ARE CALLED CAUSAL BAYESIAN NETWORKS THE FRAMEWORK STARTS WITH THE IDEA THAT THE PURPOSE OF CAUSAL STRUCTURE IS TO UNDERSTAND AND PREDICT THE EFFECTS OF INTERVENTION HOW DOES INTERVENING ON ONE THING AFFECT OTHER THINGS THIS IS NOT A QUESTION MERELY ABOUT PROBABILITY OR LOGIC BUT ABOUT ACTION THE FRAMEWORK OFFERS A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF MIND THOUGHT IS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF INTERVENTION AND COGNITION IS THUS INTIMATELY TIED TO ACTIONS THAT TAKE PLACE EITHER IN THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL WORLD OR IN IMAGINATION IN COUNTERFACTUAL WORLDS THE BOOK OFFERS A CONCEPTUAL INTRODUCTION TO THE KEY MATHEMATICAL IDEAS PRESENTING THEM IN A NON TECHNICAL WAY FOCUSING ON THE INTUITIONS RATHER THAN THE THEOREMS IT TRIES TO SHOW WHY THE IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTANDING HOW PEOPLE EXPLAIN THINGS AND WHY THINKING NOT ONLY ABOUT THE WORLD AS IT IS BUT THE WORLD AS IT COULD BE IS SO CENTRAL TO HUMAN ACTION THE BOOK REVIEWS THE ROLE OF CAUSALITY CAUSAL MODELS AND INTERVENTION IN THE BASIC HUMAN COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION MAKING REASONING JUDGMENT CATEGORIZATION INDUCTIVE INFERENCE LANGUAGE AND LEARNING IN SHORT THE BOOK OFFERS A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW PEOPLE THINK TALK LEARN AND EXPLAIN THINGS IN CAUSAL TERMS IN TERMS OF ACTION AND MANIPULATION

A MAJOR CHALLENGE CHILDREN FACE IS UNCOVERING THE CAUSAL STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM PREVIOUS RESEARCH ON CHILDREN S CAUSAL INFERENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN ABOUT CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT USING PROBABILISTIC EVIDENCE HOWEVER CHILDREN

MUST ALSO LEARN ABOUT CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING DISCOVERING THE CAUSES OF OTHER PEOPLE S BEHAVIOR AND UNDERSTANDING THE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OTHERS GOAL DIRECTED ACTIONS AND THE OUTCOMES OF THOSE ACTIONS IN ADDITION MANY OF THE CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS CHILDREN EXPERIENCE DO NOT OCCUR IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD AT ALL BUT INSTEAD OCCUR IN RICHLY CAUSAL IMAGINARY WORLDS IN THIS DISSERTATION WE ARGUE THAT SOCIAL REASONING AND CAUSAL REASONING ARE DEEPLY LINKED BOTH IN THE REAL WORLD AND IN CHILDREN S MINDS CHILDREN USE BOTH TYPES OF INFORMATION TOGETHER AND IN FACT REASON ABOUT BOTH PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL CAUSATION IN FUNDAMENTALLY SIMILAR WAYS WE SUGGEST THAT CHILDREN JOINTLY CONSTRUCT AND UPDATE CAUSAL THEORIES ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND THAT THIS PROCESS IS BEST CAPTURED BY PROBABILISTIC MODELS OF COGNITION WE ALSO ARGUE THAT CAUSAL PRETENSE MAY SERVE AS A FORM OF COUNTERFACTUAL CAUSAL REASONING ALLOWING CHILDREN TO EXPLORE CAUSAL WHAT IF SCENARIOS IN ALTERNATIVE IMAGINARY WORLDS AND SUGGEST A THEORETICAL LINK BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF IMMATURITY IN HUMAN EVOLUTION AND THE EMERGENCE OF POWERFUL AND WIDE RANGING CAUSAL LEARNING MECHANISMS WE INVESTIGATE THE COMPLEX AND VARIED WAYS IN WHICH CHILDREN LEARN CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH THREE PRIMARY LINES OF RESEARCH EACH OF WHICH EXTENDS PROBABILISTIC MODELS BEYOND REASONING ABOUT PURELY PHYSICAL CAUSES WHILE ALSO CHARACTERIZING THE DISTINCTIVE ASPECTS OF CAUSAL PRETENSE AND SOCIAL CAUSAL REASONING IN THE FIRST SET OF STUDIES WE EXAMINE HOW CAUSAL LEARNING CAN INFLUENCE THE UNDERSTANDING AND SEGMENTATION OF ACTION AND HOW OBSERVED STATISTICAL STRUCTURE IN HUMAN ACTION CAN AFFECT CAUSAL INFERENCES WE PRESENT A BAYESIAN ANALYSIS OF HOW STATISTICAL AND CAUSAL CUES TO SEGMENTATION SHOULD OPTIMALLY BE COMBINED AS WELL AS FOUR EXPERIMENTS INVESTIGATING HUMAN ACTION SEGMENTATION AND CAUSAL INFERENCE WE FIND THAT BOTH ADULTS AND OUR MODEL ARE SENSITIVE TO STATISTICAL REGULARITIES AND CAUSAL STRUCTURE IN CONTINUOUS ACTION AND ARE ABLE TO COMBINE THESE SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN ORDER TO CORRECTLY INFER BOTH CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS AND SEGMENTATION BOUNDARIES THE SECOND LINE OF WORK EXAMINES HOW THE SOCIAL CONTEXT INFLUENCES CHILDREN S CAUSAL LEARNING FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON CHILDREN S IMITATION OF CAUSAL ACTIONS WE DEFINE A BAYESIAN MODEL THAT PREDICTS CHILDREN WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO IMITATE PART OR ALL OF AN ACTION SEQUENCE BASED ON BOTH THE PATTERN OF STATISTICAL EVIDENCE AND THE DEMONSTRATOR S PEDAGOGICAL STANCE WE CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENT IN WHICH PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WATCHED AN EXPERIMENTER REPEATEDLY PERFORM SEQUENCES OF VARYING ACTIONS FOLLOWED BY AN OUTCOME CHILDREN S IMITATION OF SEQUENCES THAT PRODUCED THE OUTCOME INCREASED IN SOME CASES RESULTING IN PRODUCTION OF SHORTER SEQUENCES OF ACTIONS THAT THE CHILDREN HAD NEVER SEEN PERFORMED IN ISOLATION A SECOND EXPERIMENT ESTABLISHED THAT CHILDREN INTERPRET THE SAME STATISTICAL EVIDENCE DIFFERENTLY WHEN IT COMES FROM A KNOWLEDGEABLE TEACHER VERSUS A NAIVE DEMONSTRATOR SUGGESTING THAT CHILDREN ATTEND TO BOTH STATISTICAL AND PEDAGOGICAL EVIDENCE IN DECIDING WHICH ACTIONS TO IMITATE RATHER THAN OBLIGATELY IMITATING SUCCESSFUL ACTION SEQUENCES THE FINAL LINE OF WORK EXPLORES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHILDREN S UNDERSTANDING OF REAL WORLD CAUSAL STRUCTURE AND THEIR PRETEND PLAY WE REPORT A STUDY DEMONSTRATING A LINK BETWEEN PRETEND PLAY AND COUNTERFACTUAL CAUSAL REASONING PRESCHOOL CHILDREN GIVEN NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A CAUSAL SYSTEM MADE VERY SIMILAR INFERENCES BOTH WHEN THEY CONSIDERED COUNTERFACTUALS ABOUT THE SYSTEM AND WHEN THEY ENGAGED IN PRETEND PLAY ABOUT IT COUNTERFACTUAL COGNITION AND CAUSALLY COHERENT PRETENSE WERE ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY CORRELATED EVEN WHEN AGE GENERAL COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION WERE CONTROLLED FOR THESE FINDINGS LINK A DISTINCTIVE HUMAN FORM OF CHILDHOOD PLAY AND AN EQUALY DISTINCTIVE HUMAN FORM OF CAUSAL INFERENCE WE SPECULATE THAT DURING HUMAN EVOLUTION COMPUTATIONS THAT WERE INITIALLY RESERVED

FOR PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS CAME TO BE USED MUCH MORE WIDELY AND EXTENSIVELY DURING THE LONG PERIOD OF PROTECTED IMMATURITY

CAUSAL STRUCTURE LEARNING IS A FUNDAMENTAL TOOL FOR BUILDING A SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAY A SYSTEM WORKS HOWEVER IN MANY APPLICATION AREAS SUCH AS GENOMICS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR CURRENT CAUSAL STRUCTURE LEARNING ALGORITHMS DOES NOT MATCH THE INFORMATION THAT RESEARCHERS CAN ACTUALLY ACCESS FOR EXAMPLE WHEN THE ALGORITHM REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE OF INTERVENTION TARGETS BUT THE INTERVENTIONS HAVE OFF TARGET EFFECTS IN THIS THESIS WE DEVELOPED IMPLEMENTED AND TESTED A NOVEL ALGORITHM FOR DISCOVERING A CAUSAL DAG FROM OBSERVATIONAL AND INTERVENTIONAL DATA WHEN THE INTERVENTION TARGETS ARE EITHER PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY UNKNOWN WE RELATE THE ALGORITHM TO THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED JOINT CAUSAL INFERENCE FRAMEWORK FINALLY WE EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ALGORITHM ON SYNTHETIC DATASETS AND DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO OUTPERFORM CURRENT STATE OF THE ART CAUSAL STRUCTURE LEARNING ALGORITHMS WHICH ASSUME KNOWN INTERVENTION TARGETS

THANK YOU ENTIRELY MUCH FOR DOWNLOADING **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS**. MOST LIKELY YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE THAT, PEOPLE HAVE LOOK NUMEROUS PERIOD FOR THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS PAST THIS **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS**, BUT STOP OCCURRING IN HARMFUL DOWNLOADS. RATHER THAN ENJOYING A GOOD BOOK SIMILAR TO A CUP OF COFFEE IN THE AFTERNOON, OTHERWISE THEY JUGGLED LATER SOME HARMFUL VIRUS INSIDE THEIR COMPUTER.

**DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS** IS STRAIGHTFORWARD IN OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY AN ONLINE ENTRY TO IT IS SET AS PUBLIC SUITABLY YOU CAN DOWNLOAD IT INSTANTLY. OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY SAVES IN COMPLEX COUNTRIES, ALLOWING YOU TO GET THE MOST LESS LATENCY TIMES TO DOWNLOAD ANY OF OUR BOOKS IN THE MANNER OF THIS ONE. MERELY SAID, THE **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS** IS UNIVERSALLY COMPATIBLE IN THE SAME WAY AS ANY DEVICES TO READ.

1. WHERE CAN I PURCHASE **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS** BOOKS?  
BOOKSTORES: PHYSICAL BOOKSTORES LIKE BARNES & NOBLE, WATERSTONES, AND INDEPENDENT LOCAL STORES. ONLINE RETAILERS: AMAZON, BOOK DEPOSITORY, AND VARIOUS ONLINE BOOKSTORES PROVIDE A EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF BOOKS IN PRINTED AND DIGITAL FORMATS.

2. WHAT ARE THE VARIED BOOK FORMATS AVAILABLE? WHICH TYPES OF BOOK FORMATS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE? ARE THERE DIFFERENT BOOK FORMATS TO CHOOSE FROM? HARDCOVER: STURDY AND LONG-LASTING, USUALLY PRICIER. PAPERBACK: LESS COSTLY, LIGHTER, AND EASIER TO CARRY THAN HARDCOVERS. E-BOOKS: ELECTRONIC BOOKS ACCESSIBLE FOR E-READERS LIKE KINDLE OR THROUGH PLATFORMS SUCH AS APPLE BOOKS, KINDLE, AND GOOGLE PLAY BOOKS.
3. HOW CAN I DECIDE ON A **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS** BOOK TO READ? GENRES: CONSIDER THE GENRE YOU PREFER (FICTION, NONFICTION, MYSTERY, SCI-FI, ETC.). RECOMMENDATIONS: ASK FOR ADVICE FROM FRIENDS, PARTICIPATE IN BOOK CLUBS, OR BROWSE THROUGH ONLINE REVIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS. AUTHOR: IF YOU FAVOR A SPECIFIC AUTHOR, YOU MAY APPRECIATE MORE OF THEIR WORK.
4. TIPS FOR PRESERVING **DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS** BOOKS: STORAGE: STORE THEM AWAY FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT AND IN A DRY SETTING. HANDLING: PREVENT FOLDING PAGES, UTILIZE BOOKMARKS, AND HANDLE THEM WITH CLEAN HANDS. CLEANING: OCCASIONALLY DUST THE COVERS AND PAGES GENTLY.
5. CAN I BORROW BOOKS WITHOUT BUYING THEM? COMMUNITY LIBRARIES: LOCAL LIBRARIES OFFER A DIVERSE SELECTION OF BOOKS FOR BORROWING. BOOK SWAPS: LOCAL BOOK EXCHANGE OR ONLINE PLATFORMS WHERE PEOPLE SHARE BOOKS.
6. HOW CAN I TRACK MY READING PROGRESS OR MANAGE MY BOOK COLLECTION? BOOK TRACKING APPS: BOOK

CATALOGUE ARE POPULAR APPS FOR TRACKING YOUR READING PROGRESS AND MANAGING BOOK COLLECTIONS. SPREADSHEETS: YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN SPREADSHEET TO TRACK BOOKS READ, RATINGS, AND OTHER DETAILS.

7. WHAT ARE DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS AUDIOBOOKS, AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM? AUDIOBOOKS: AUDIO RECORDINGS OF BOOKS, PERFECT FOR LISTENING WHILE COMMUTING OR MULTITASKING. PLATFORMS: GOOGLE PLAY BOOKS OFFER A WIDE SELECTION OF AUDIOBOOKS.
8. HOW DO I SUPPORT AUTHORS OR THE BOOK INDUSTRY? BUY BOOKS: PURCHASE BOOKS FROM AUTHORS OR INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES. REVIEWS: LEAVE REVIEWS ON PLATFORMS LIKE GOODREADS. PROMOTION: SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR RECOMMEND THEM TO FRIENDS.
9. ARE THERE BOOK CLUBS OR READING COMMUNITIES I CAN JOIN? LOCAL CLUBS: CHECK FOR LOCAL BOOK CLUBS IN LIBRARIES OR COMMUNITY CENTERS. ONLINE COMMUNITIES: PLATFORMS LIKE GOODREADS HAVE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS.
10. CAN I READ DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS BOOKS FOR FREE? PUBLIC DOMAIN BOOKS: MANY CLASSIC BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE AS THEY'RE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

FREE E-BOOKS: SOME WEBSITES OFFER FREE E-BOOKS LEGALLY, LIKE PROJECT GUTENBERG OR OPEN LIBRARY. FIND DISCOVERING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FROM OBSERVATIONS

## INTRODUCTION

THE DIGITAL AGE HAS REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY WE READ, MAKING BOOKS MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN EVER. WITH THE RISE OF EBOOKS, READERS CAN NOW CARRY ENTIRE LIBRARIES IN THEIR POCKETS. AMONG THE VARIOUS SOURCES FOR EBOOKS, FREE EBOOK SITES HAVE EMERGED AS A POPULAR CHOICE. THESE SITES OFFER A TREASURE TROVE OF KNOWLEDGE AND ENTERTAINMENT WITHOUT THE COST. BUT WHAT MAKES THESE SITES SO VALUABLE, AND WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE BEST ONES? LET'S DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF FREE EBOOK SITES.

## BENEFITS OF FREE EBOOK SITES

WHEN IT COMES TO READING, FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES.

### COST SAVINGS

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THEY SAVE YOU MONEY. BUYING BOOKS CAN BE EXPENSIVE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE AN AVID READER. FREE EBOOK SITES ALLOW YOU TO ACCESS A VAST ARRAY OF BOOKS WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME.

### ACCESSIBILITY

THESE SITES ALSO ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY. WHETHER YOU'RE AT HOME, ON THE GO, OR HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR FAVORITE TITLES ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, PROVIDED YOU HAVE AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

### VARIETY OF CHOICES

MOREOVER, THE VARIETY OF CHOICES AVAILABLE IS ASTOUNDING. FROM CLASSIC LITERATURE TO CONTEMPORARY NOVELS, ACADEMIC TEXTS TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS, FREE EBOOK SITES COVER ALL GENRES AND INTERESTS.

## TOP FREE EBOOK SITES

THERE ARE COUNTLESS FREE EBOOK SITES, BUT A FEW STAND OUT FOR THEIR QUALITY AND RANGE OF OFFERINGS.

### PROJECT GUTENBERG

PROJECT GUTENBERG IS A PIONEER IN OFFERING FREE EBOOKS. WITH OVER 60,000 TITLES, THIS SITE PROVIDES A WEALTH OF CLASSIC LITERATURE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

## OPEN LIBRARY

OPEN LIBRARY AIMS TO HAVE A WEBPAGE FOR EVERY BOOK EVER PUBLISHED. IT OFFERS MILLIONS OF FREE EBOOKS, MAKING IT A FANTASTIC RESOURCE FOR READERS.

## GOOGLE Books

GOOGLE BOOKS ALLOWS USERS TO SEARCH AND PREVIEW MILLIONS OF BOOKS FROM LIBRARIES AND PUBLISHERS WORLDWIDE. WHILE NOT ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE, MANY ARE.

## MANYBOOKS

MANYBOOKS OFFERS A LARGE SELECTION OF FREE EBOOKS IN VARIOUS GENRES. THE SITE IS USER-FRIENDLY AND OFFERS BOOKS IN MULTIPLE FORMATS.

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BOOKBOON SPECIALIZES IN FREE TEXTBOOKS AND BUSINESS BOOKS, MAKING IT AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

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## Using Free Ebook Sites for Education

FREE EBOOK SITES ARE INVALUABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

## Academic Resources

SITES LIKE PROJECT GUTENBERG AND OPEN LIBRARY OFFER NUMEROUS ACADEMIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOLARLY ARTICLES.

## Learning New Skills

YOU CAN ALSO FIND BOOKS ON VARIOUS SKILLS, FROM COOKING TO PROGRAMMING, MAKING THESE SITES GREAT FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

## Supporting Homeschooling

FOR HOMESCHOOLING PARENTS, FREE EBOOK SITES PROVIDE A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS AND SUBJECTS.

## Genres Available on Free Ebook Sites

THE DIVERSITY OF GENRES AVAILABLE ON FREE EBOOK SITES ENSURES THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

## Fiction

FROM TIMELESS CLASSICS TO CONTEMPORARY BESTSELLERS, THE FICTION SECTION IS BRIMMING WITH OPTIONS.

## NON-FICTION

NON-FICTION ENTHUSIASTS CAN FIND BIOGRAPHIES, SELF-HELP BOOKS, HISTORICAL TEXTS, AND MORE.

## TEXTBOOKS

STUDENTS CAN ACCESS TEXTBOOKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, HELPING REDUCE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF EDUCATION.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

PARENTS AND TEACHERS CAN FIND A PLETHORA OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS, FROM PICTURE BOOKS TO YOUNG ADULT NOVELS.

## ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES OF EBOOK SITES

EBOOK SITES OFTEN COME WITH FEATURES THAT ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY.

## AUDIOBOOK OPTIONS

MANY SITES OFFER AUDIOBOOKS, WHICH ARE GREAT FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING TO READING.

## ADJUSTABLE FONT SIZES

YOU CAN ADJUST THE FONT SIZE TO SUIT YOUR READING COMFORT, MAKING IT EASIER FOR THOSE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS.

## TEXT-TO-SPEECH CAPABILITIES

TEXT-TO-SPEECH FEATURES CAN CONVERT WRITTEN TEXT INTO AUDIO, PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ENJOY BOOKS.

## TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR EBOOK EXPERIENCE

TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR EBOOK READING EXPERIENCE, CONSIDER THESE TIPS.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT DEVICE

WHETHER IT'S A TABLET, AN E-READER, OR A SMARTPHONE, CHOOSE A DEVICE THAT OFFERS A COMFORTABLE READING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU.

## ORGANIZING YOUR EBOOK LIBRARY

USE TOOLS AND APPS TO ORGANIZE YOUR EBOOK COLLECTION, MAKING IT EASY TO FIND AND ACCESS YOUR FAVORITE TITLES.

## SYNCING ACROSS DEVICES

MANY EBOOK PLATFORMS ALLOW YOU TO SYNC YOUR LIBRARY ACROSS MULTIPLE DEVICES, SO YOU CAN PICK UP RIGHT WHERE YOU LEFT OFF, NO MATTER WHICH DEVICE YOU'RE USING.

## CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

DESPITE THE BENEFITS, FREE EBOOK SITES COME WITH CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS.

## QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF TITLES

NOT ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE, AND SOMETIMES THE QUALITY OF THE DIGITAL COPY CAN BE POOR.

## DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (DRM)

DRM CAN RESTRICT HOW YOU USE THE EBOOKS YOU DOWNLOAD, LIMITING SHARING AND TRANSFERRING BETWEEN DEVICES.

## INTERNET DEPENDENCY

ACCESSING AND DOWNLOADING EBOOKS REQUIRES AN INTERNET CONNECTION, WHICH CAN BE A LIMITATION IN AREAS WITH POOR CONNECTIVITY.

## FUTURE OF FREE EBOOK SITES

THE FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING FOR FREE EBOOK SITES AS TECHNOLOGY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE.

## TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY WILL LIKELY MAKE ACCESSING AND READING EBOOKS EVEN MORE SEAMLESS AND ENJOYABLE.

## EXPANDING ACCESS

EFFORTS TO EXPAND INTERNET ACCESS GLOBALLY WILL HELP MORE PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM FREE EBOOK SITES.

## ROLE IN EDUCATION

AS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES BECOME MORE DIGITIZED, FREE EBOOK SITES WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY VITAL ROLE IN LEARNING.

## CONCLUSION

IN SUMMARY, FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN. THEY ARE

INVALUABLE RESOURCES FOR READERS OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES. SO WHY NOT EXPLORE THESE SITES AND DISCOVER THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE THEY OFFER?

## FAQs

ARE FREE EBOOK SITES LEGAL? YES, MOST FREE EBOOK SITES ARE LEGAL. THEY TYPICALLY OFFER BOOKS THAT ARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN OR HAVE THE RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTE THEM. HOW DO I KNOW IF AN EBOOK SITE IS SAFE? STICK TO WELL-KNOWN AND REPUTABLE SITES LIKE PROJECT GUTENBERG, OPEN LIBRARY, AND GOOGLE BOOKS. CHECK REVIEWS AND ENSURE THE SITE HAS PROPER SECURITY MEASURES. CAN I DOWNLOAD EBOOKS TO ANY DEVICE? MOST FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER DOWNLOADS IN MULTIPLE FORMATS, MAKING THEM COMPATIBLE WITH VARIOUS DEVICES LIKE E-READERS, TABLETS, AND SMARTPHONES. DO FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER AUDIOBOOKS? MANY FREE EBOOK SITES OFFER AUDIOBOOKS, WHICH ARE PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING TO THEIR BOOKS. HOW CAN I SUPPORT AUTHORS IF I USE FREE EBOOK SITES? YOU CAN SUPPORT AUTHORS BY PURCHASING THEIR BOOKS WHEN POSSIBLE, LEAVING REVIEWS, AND SHARING THEIR WORK WITH OTHERS.

