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Professor Matthew Meselson
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Dear Professor Meselson,

I write to ask for advice. Horace Judson's *The Eighth Day of Creation: The Makers of the Revolution in Biology*, a voluminous and graceful history of twentieth century molecular biology, so full of interviews that it is almost an oral history, was published to great praise in 1979. Simon & Schuster has now let it go out of print, and the University of California Press is considering republishing it in paperback. If we do, I would like Mr. Judson to write a new introduction, and he is open to the idea.

Do you think that the book merits re-publication? Were its archival or interpretive conclusions important (and right) enough that they still stand? Some might argue that recent research and books make this book outdated: do you think that is true?

I would be very grateful for your advice, preferably in writing. My telephone number is 310-794-8150; our fax number is 310-794-8156. May I offer you a book from the enclosed catalog as thanks for your help?

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Knoll
Sponsoring Editor, Science

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