

DOUBT

JENNIFER MICHAEL HECHT

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

In this sweeping history, Jennifer Michael Hecht celebrates doubt as an engine of creativity and as an alternative to the political and intellectual dangers of certainty. Just as belief has its own history featuring people whose unique expressions of faith forever changed the world, doubt has a vibrant story and tradition with its own saints, martyrs, and sages.

Hecht shows that the great doubters ponder the same issues as the great believers. She celebrates such heroes of doubt as Confucius, Socrates, Jesus, Wang Ch'ung, Hypatia, Maimonides, Galileo, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Charles Darwin, Marie Curie, Emily Dickinson, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Margaret Sanger—people who drove history forward by challenging the powers and conventional wisdom of their time and heritage.

Hecht's poetical prose beautifully dramatizes the struggle between belief and denial.... *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"[A] first-rate study of a neglected idea. Highly recommended."
Library Journal

Jennifer Michael Hecht, a historian and award-winning poet, earned a Ph.D. in the history of science from Columbia University. She is the author of *The End of the Soul* and coauthor of the major textbook *Western Civilizations*. An assistant professor of history at Nassau Community College, she lives in New York City.



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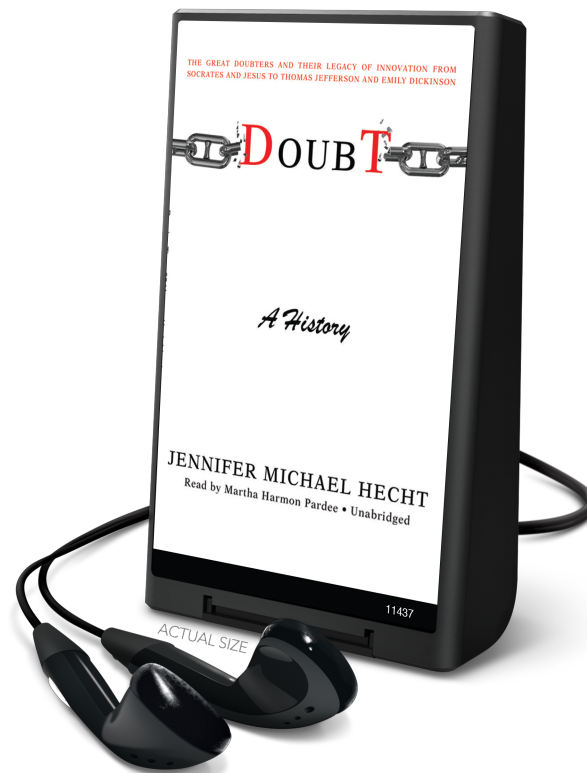


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