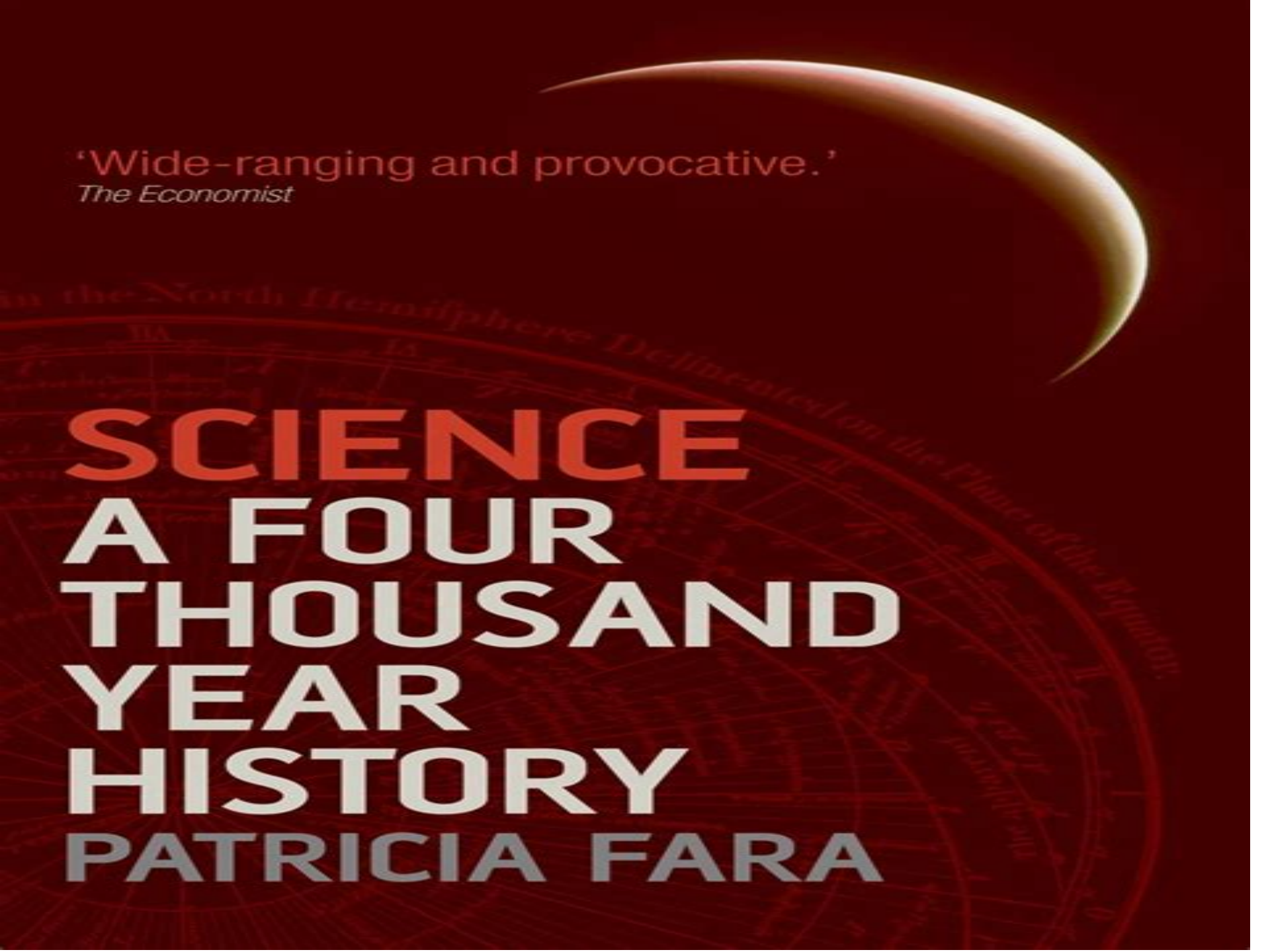




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Science and Technologies for Smart Cities Henrique Santos, Gabriela Viale Pereira, Matthias Budde, Sérgio F.

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