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Thomas Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* offers an insightful and engaging theory of science that speaks to scholars across many disciplines. Though initially widely misunderstood, it had a profound impact on the way intellectuals and educated laypeople thought about science. K. Brad Wray traces the influences on Kuhn as he wrote *Structure*, including his 'Aristotle epiphany', his interactions with James B. Conant, and his studies of the history of chemistry. Wray then considers the impact of *Structure* on the social sciences, on the history of science, and on the philosophy of science, where the problem of theory change has set the terms of contemporary realism/anti-realism debates. He examines Kuhn's frustrations with the Strong Programme sociologists' appropriations of his views, and debunks several popular claims about what influenced Kuhn as he wrote *Structure*. His book is a rich and comprehensive assessment of one of the most influential works in the modern sciences.

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*You know I would have been very glad to get a Nobel
Prize – I certainly wanted fame in some sense.
—Thomas S. Kuhn, “A Discussion with Thomas S. Kuhn”*

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