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A student and colleague of Enrico Fermi, Emilio Segrè (1905–89) made numerous important contributions to nuclear physics, including his participation in the Manhattan Project. A Nobel laureate, Segrè is further renowned for his narrative skills as an historian. Hailed by the *Journal of the History of Astronomy* as "charming and witty," this book is a companion to the author's *From X-Rays to Quarks: Modern Physicists and Their Discoveries*, also available from Dover Publications.

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