The Innovators Behind Leonardo

The True Story of the Scientific and Technological Renaissance

- Provides a frequently overlooked perspective on the work of Leonardo da Vinci as part of a collective effort that formed the foundation of the scientific and technological Renaissance
- Includes numerous illustrations from a range of original sources to allow for easy and pleasant reading
- Accessible to anyone with a high school-level understanding of science and technology

This engaging book places Leonardo da Vinci's scientific achievements within the wider context of the rapid development that occurred during the Renaissance. It demonstrates how his contributions were not in fact born of isolated genius, but rather part of a rich period of collective advancement in science and technology, which began at least 50 years prior to his birth. Readers will discover a very special moment in history, when creativity and imagination were changing the future—shaping our present. They will be amazed to discover how many technological inventions had already been conceived or even designed by the engineers and inventors who preceded Leonardo, such as Francesco di Giorgio and Taccola, the so-called Siena engineers. This engaging volume features a wealth of illustrations from a variety of original sources, such as manuscripts and codices, enabling the reader to see and judge for him or herself the influence that other Renaissance engineers and inventors had on Leonardo.