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Review

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About the author:

The author, Martha Davis, has dedicated the past twenty-five years to developing communication skills in hundreds of graduate-level scientists. She teaches Scientific Writing and Scientific Presentations classes and has reviewed and edited hundreds of scientific papers and presentations. This book stems from answering the questions that graduate students ask.

Audience:

Scientific Papers and Presentations is an essential guide for all science graduates but especially those involved in Biology, Agriculture, Chemistry, Engineering or Health Sciences. The book can be used as a text for courses and seminars, plus it is also a valuable handy reference for anyone working in a scientific field.

About the Author

After teaching English composition and world literature, Martha Davis crossed the line between the humanities and the sciences. Always an aficionado of biology and gardening, her interests led her to the biological and agricultural sciences where she has worked for some 15 years mostly with graduate students relative to their communication skills in science. This handbook is the result of seeking answers to their questions and of recognizing that most other communication handbooks are limited to specific areas of writing or speaking. **Scientific Papers and Presentations** is her attempt to put under one cover the basic guidelines for the communication endeavors of the graduate student as well as the professional scientist.

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