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I Contain Multitudes

Ed Yong

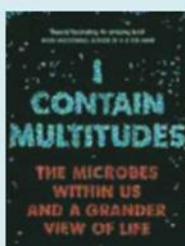
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The human gut contains more microbes than there are stars in the universe. What do they all do? Ed Yong, one of our best and brightest popularisers of science, explains and shows why microbes might revolutionise medical science in the near future.

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