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Wiley VCH Verlag GmbH Jan 2011, 2011. Taschenbuch. Book Condition: Neu. 244x174x14 mm. Neuware - 'I have no dress except the one I wear every day. If you are going to be kind enough to give me one, please let it be practical and dark so that I can put it on afterwards to go to the laboratory', said Marie Curie about her wedding dress. According to her lecture notes, Gertrude B. Elion is quoted a few decades later: 'Don't be afraid of hard work. Don't let others discourage you, or tell you that you can't do it. In my day I was told women didn't go into chemistry. I saw no reason why we couldn't.' These two quotations from famous, Nobel Prize winning chemists amply demonstrate the challenges that female scientists in the past centuries have had to overcome; challenges that are still sometimes faced by the current generation. They 'must have the noblest courage, quite extraordinary talents and superior genius' wrote Carl Friedrich Gauss 1807 in a letter to mathematician Sophie Germain. For the official book to celebrate the International Year of Chemistry, the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) has...



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