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Since the fall of the Soviet Union, long-suppressed information has emerged on Heisenberg's role in the Nazi atomic bomb project. In *Beyond Uncertainty*, Cassidy interprets this and other previously unknown material within the context of his vast research and tackles the vexing questions of a scientist's personal responsibility and guilt when serving an abhorrent military regime.

David C. Cassidy is the author of *J. Robert Oppenheimer and the American Century, Einstein and Our World*, and *Uncertainty*.

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