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# **LEAPFROG**

**A CORPORATE THRILLER BY**

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Carl Djerassi, who is distinguished as an author as well as being the ‘father of the pill’, has highlighted the important genre of ‘science in fiction’ as opposed to science fiction. It is a significant category, giving the general public a sense of what science is really like. Currently a major aspect is the vital, but occasionally fraught, boundary with business. This tension introduces real moral dilemmas but also provides a fertile source for fiction.

Kirch P. Andrews has produced a perfect example. In addition to exploring the corporate-scientific hinterland, he has produced a novel of the new millennium, when the less attractive aspects of some major companies have been revealed. Much of the science discussed is real and happening today. The convergence of computer and life sciences will continue to speed the drug discovery process, help design a drug’s architecture and functionality, and even personalize medicine unique to each individual.

Given the nature of the enterprise he has also chosen the most appropriate means of production and distribution for the novel. This use of computers and the Internet has a perfect resonance with his subject matter.

The work deserves a widespread readership. It will make an impact.

*Dr. W. Graham Richards*