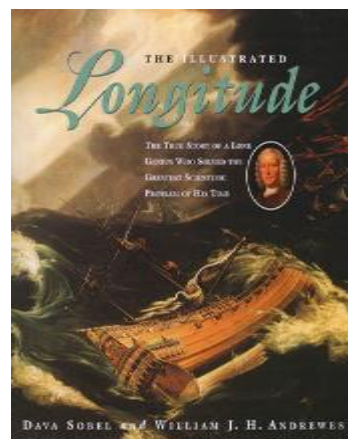
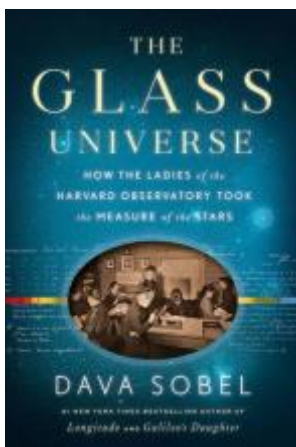


The Glass Universe

A presentation by science writer Dava Sobel

On Thursday October 19, the Mathematics Colloquium and City Tech will present a fascinating and engaging talk for students and faculty by distinguished science writer Dava Sobel. Her recently published best-selling book “The Glass Universe” tells the little-known story of Harvard's female astronomers of the late 19th and 20th centuries and their national and international acclaim for their discoveries. The most famous among them—Williamina Fleming, Antonia Maury, Annie Jump Cannon, Henrietta Leavitt, and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin—are the heroines of this story. The work was not only performed by women, but also funded by female philanthropists.

Ms. Sobel is also the author of many other popular science books including the famous “Longitude” which tells the life-and-death story of the early days of sail exploration when mariners had no accurate means of determining their longitude at sea resulting in the destruction of many vessels.



Ms. Sobel grew up near the Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden, so “I could walk to either by myself. My best academic credential is my diploma from Bronx High School of Science. My home life provided excellent career preparation, since my mother had trained as a chemist, and no one in my family thought it odd or unusual for a girl to be interested in science. “

Please join us in the Atrium Amphitheater on Thursday, October 19 from 12:45 to 2:00 pm for this special presentation.

Refreshments will be served prior to the performance.