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"I read strange stuff and I am not embarrassed to talk about it," says Glaser, who has just been appointed an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow. Top three reads right now? He is reading Claudia Dreifus's *Scientific Conversations* (Henry Holt, 2001) bit by bit. "I like it so much, I recommended Dr Dreifus for an honorary degree," he says. To prepare for a talk about informatics and chemistry, Glaser delved into Hans Christian von Baeyer's *Information: The new language of science* (Harvard University Press/Weidenfeld & Nicolson).

It's not all work: Brian Alexander's *Rapture: How biotech became the new religion* (Basic Books, 2003) is pure reading for pleasure: "Alexander wrote a column in *The New York Times* a few weeks back. I immediately wanted to read more."

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