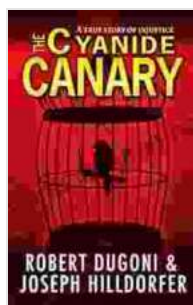
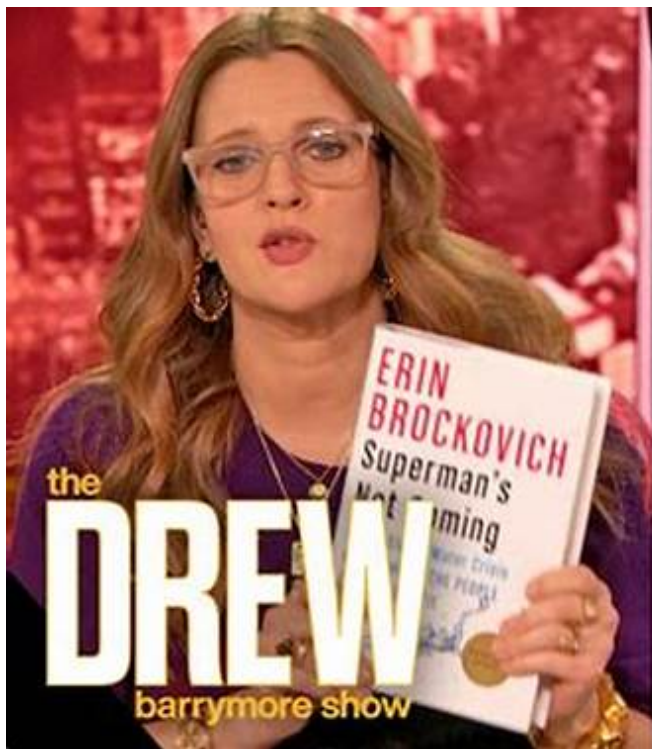


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The Cyanide Canary is a true story of injustice that explores the tragic case of Erin Brockovich, a legal assistant who uncovered a massive cover-up of toxic pollution by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

In 1993, Brockovich was working as a legal assistant at a small law firm in Hinkley, California. She was assigned to the case of a group of residents who were suing PG&E for allegedly contaminating their groundwater with chromium-6, a toxic chemical.

Brockovich quickly realized that the case was much more complex than she had initially thought. She began to investigate PG&E's operations in Hinkley and discovered that the company had been dumping chromium-6 into the groundwater for decades.

Chromium-6 is a known carcinogen, and it can cause a variety of health problems, including cancer, birth defects, and respiratory problems. Brockovich's investigation revealed that PG&E had known about the dangers of chromium-6 for years, but the company had failed to warn the residents of Hinkley.

Brockovich's findings were shocking, and they led to a massive lawsuit against PG&E. The case was eventually settled for \$333 million, the largest environmental settlement in U.S. history.

The Cyanide Canary is a powerful story of one woman's fight for justice. It is a story that exposes the dangers of corporate greed and the importance of holding corporations accountable for their actions.

**Erin Brockovich**



Erin Brockovich was born in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1960. She grew up in a working-class family and struggled with financial difficulties throughout her childhood.

After graduating from high school, Brockovich worked a variety of jobs, including waitress, bartender, and legal secretary. In 1993, she was hired as a legal assistant at a small law firm in Hinkley, California.

Brockovich's work on the PG&E case made her a national figure. She was praised for her tireless efforts to help the residents of Hinkley, and she was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2000.

Brockovich has continued to work on environmental issues since her victory in the PG&E case. She has founded her own environmental consulting firm, and she has written several books about her experiences.

## Pacific Gas and Electric Company



The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is a utility company that provides gas and electricity to customers in California. The company was founded in 1905, and it is one of the largest utilities in the United States.

PG&E has a long history of environmental violations. In 1993, the company was sued by the residents of Hinkley, California, for allegedly contaminating

their groundwater with chromium-6. The case was eventually settled for \$333 million, the largest environmental settlement in U.S. history.

In 2010, PG&E was involved in a natural gas explosion that killed eight people in San Bruno, California. The explosion was caused by a faulty gas line, and PG&E was found to be negligent in its maintenance of the line.

PG&E has also been criticized for its role in the California wildfires. The company's power lines have been blamed for starting several wildfires, including the deadly Camp Fire in 2018.

## **Chromium-6**

# Chromium

Transition metal

Symbol

**Cr**

Atomic number

**24**

Atomic weight (amu)

**51.9**

Atomic radius (pm)

**166**

Protons/electrons

**24**

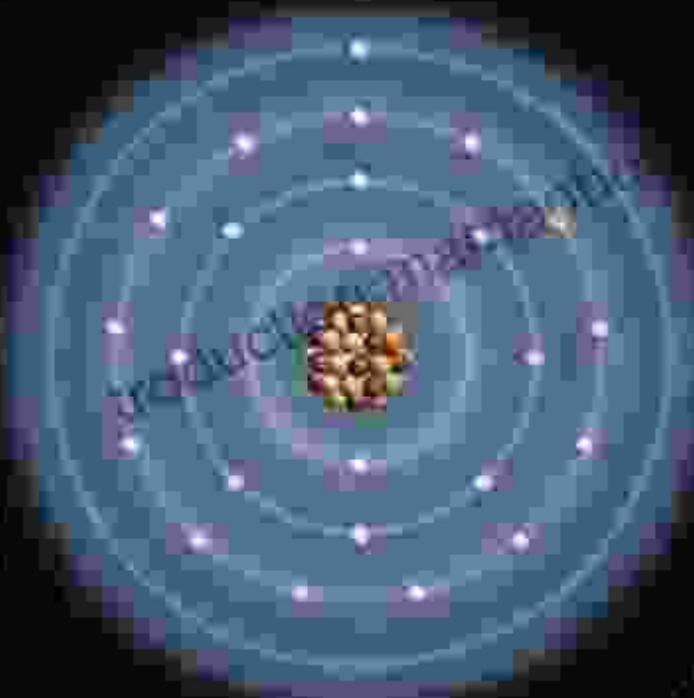
Neutrons

**28**

Energy levels

**4**

Shell structure



Atomic orbitals

$[\text{Ar}] 3d^5 4s^1$

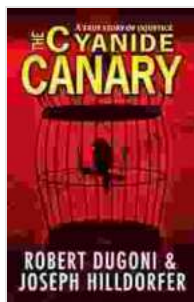


Chromium-6 is a toxic chemical that is used in a variety of industrial processes. It is a known carcinogen, and it can cause a variety of health problems, including cancer, birth defects, and respiratory problems.

Chromium-6 is often found in groundwater, and it can be released into the environment through industrial activities, such as mining, metalworking, and leather tanning.

The EPA has set a maximum allowable level of chromium-6 in drinking water at 10 parts per billion. However, studies have shown that even low levels of chromium-6 can be harmful to human health.

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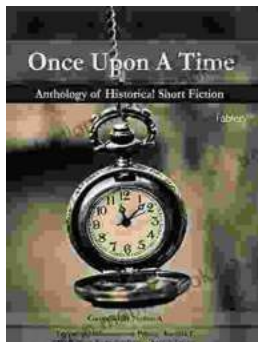
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