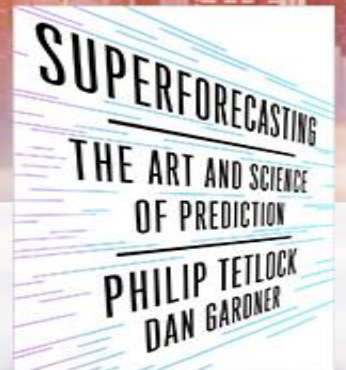


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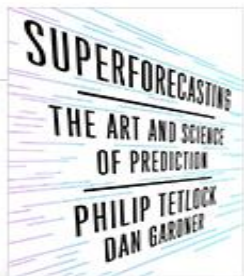


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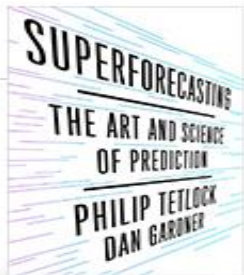
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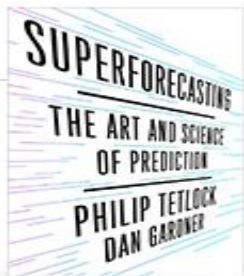
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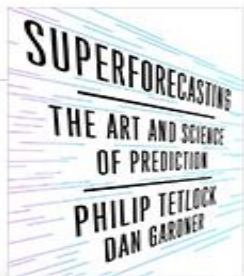
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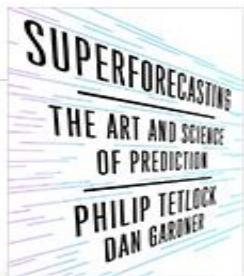
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Not specialist knowledge

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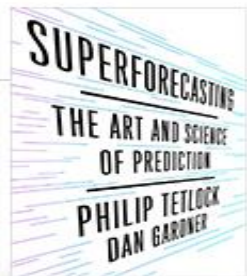
Active open-mindedness

Need for cognition

Intellectual curiosity

Desire to practice and improve

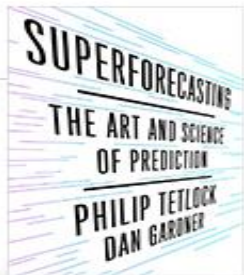
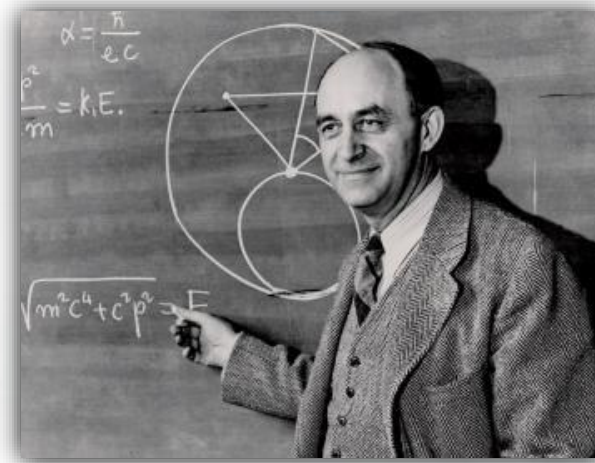
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Unpacking the question

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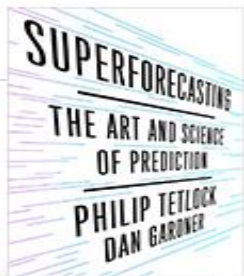


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Attribute substitution



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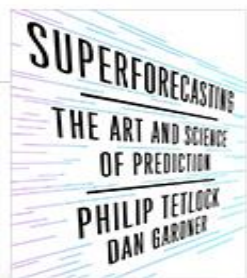
How could it be “yes”?

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“Will either the French or Swiss inquiries find elevated levels of polonium in the remains of Yasser Arafat’s body?”

Scientists must be able to detect polonium in remains eight years after death

1. Israel poisoned Yasser Arafat
2. A Palestinian rival poisoned Arafat
3. Someone planted polonium

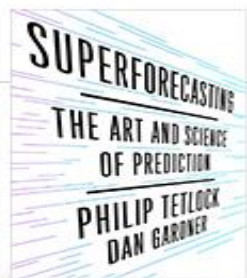


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Summing up

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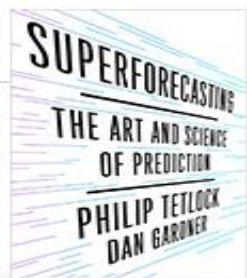
1. Slow down
2. Focus on the forecast
3. Unpack the question
4. Seek multiple perspectives
5. Be actively open-minded
6. Think probabilistically
7. Look for mistakes
8. Learn from practice



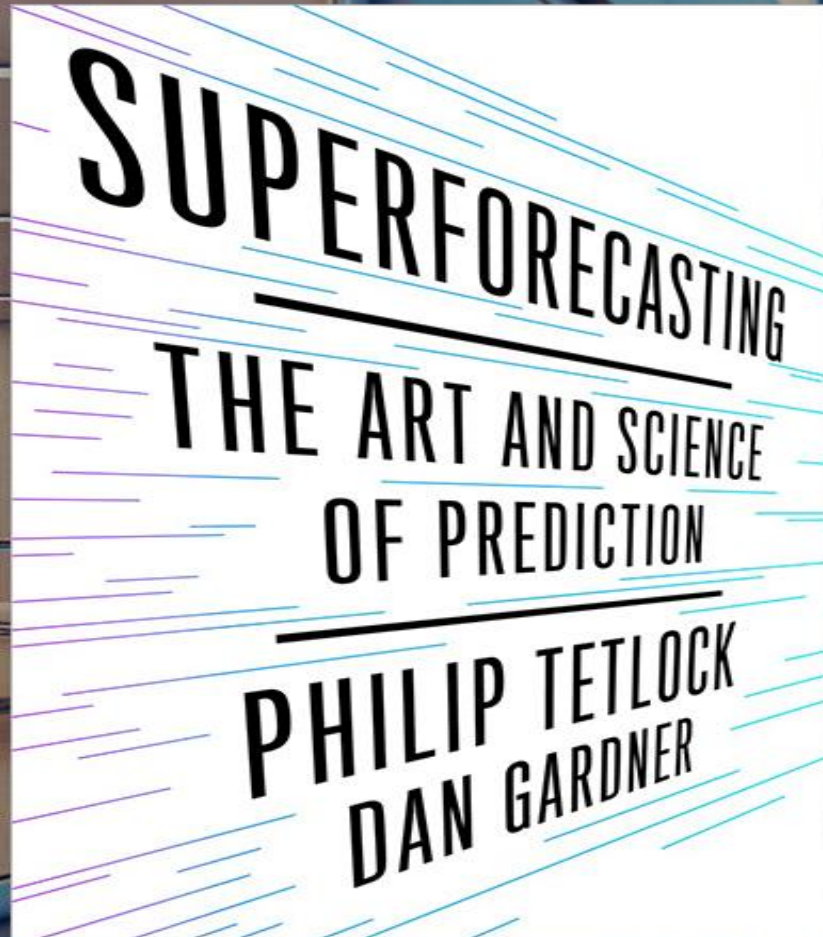
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A cautionary tale

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