Advance Praise for THE COLOR OF NORTH

"Much of our perception of biology revolves around genes and DNA, which ignores the fact that genes code for proteins and that these proteins make life possible. *The Color of North* corrects this imbalance by taking us on a splendid voyage through the world of proteins and showing us the amazing range of things that proteins do—how they allow us to see, touch, smell, and even remember. This is done in a highly engaging form that interweaves the personal with the scientific."
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"In this highly readable and exciting book, Shahir Rizk and Maggie Fink have accomplished the miracle of making the invisible visible, and the inscrutable not only understandable but vividly dramatic. Proteins run our lives and the lives of all the creatures around us. *The Color of North* takes us on a deep and extremely pleasurable dive into a subject that lies at the beating heart of animate creation."
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"It's always a pleasure when science writing is personal, lyrical, and evocative. This deeply felt and well-researched love letter to proteins is great nerdy fun."
—David J. Linden, author of *Unique*

"*The Color of North* is a whirlwind tour through the astounding universe of tiny molecular marvels we call proteins. Shahir Rizk and Maggie Fink vibrantly bring these discoveries to life and weave in personal stories to make this narrative as entertaining as it is enlightening."
—Bill Sullivan, author of *Pleased to Meet Me*

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