Record Nr. UNINA9910464550703321 Autore Ben-Naim Arieh <1934-> Titolo Discover entropy and the second law of thermodynamics [[electronic resource]]: a playful way of discovering a law of nature / / Arieh Ben-Naim Singapore; ; Hackensack, N.J., : World Scientific, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-14440-9 9786613144409 981-4299-77-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (300 p.) Disciplina 536/.73 Soggetti Entropy Second law of thermodynamics Thermodynamics Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 257-258) and index. Nota di contenuto Contents: Preface: Self-Testing Kit: List of Abbreviations: Acknowledgement; CHAPTER 1 Introduction: A Brief History of Entropy and the Second Law of Thermodynamics: CHAPTER 2 All You Need to Know but Never Dared to Admit that You Already Know; CHAPTER 3 Discover the Uniform Spatial Distribution; CHAPTER 4 Discover the Boltzmann Distribution: CHAPTER 5 Discover the Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution; CHAPTER 6 Entropy and the Second Law in the World of Marbles; CHAPTER 7 Entropy and the Second Law in the Real World; CHAPTER 8 Notes; Epilogue; References and Suggested Reading; Index Sommario/riassunto This is a seguel to the author's book entitled ""Entropy Demystified"". The aim is essentially the same as that of the previous book by the author: to present Entropy and the Second Law as simple, meaningful and comprehensible concepts. In addition, this book presents a series of experiments which are designed to help the reader discover entropy

and the Second Law. While doing the experiments, the reader will encounter no unexpected results, and concepts of entropy and the Second Law will emerge naturally from these experiments without a

tinge of mystery. These concepts are explained with the