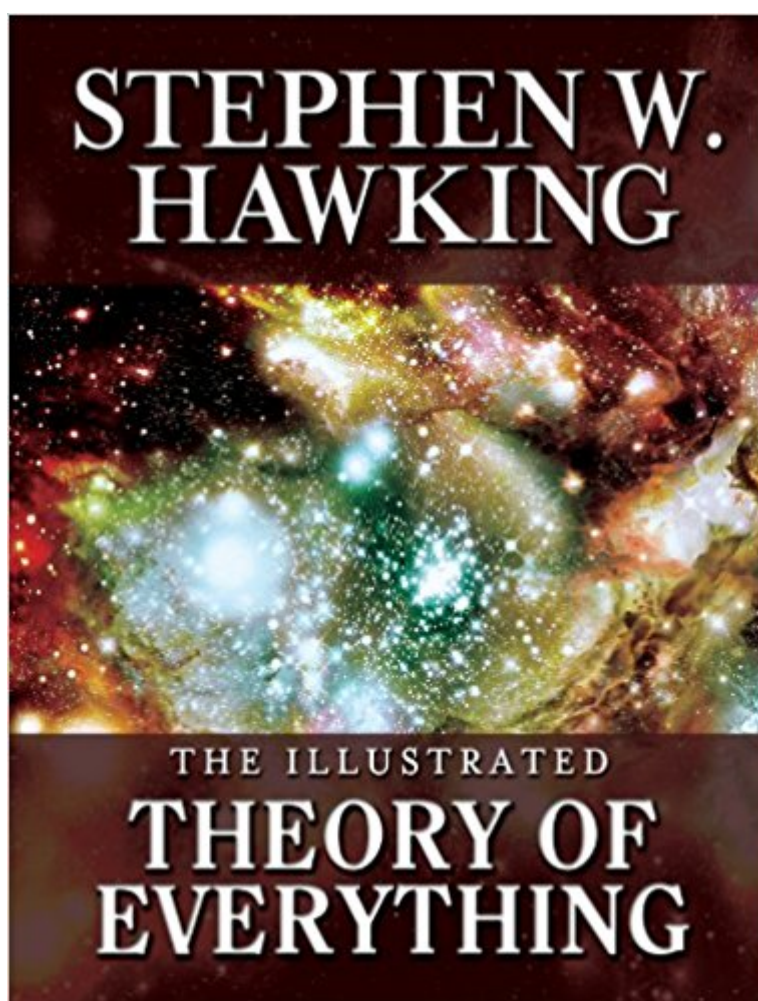


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In this book Stephen Hawking relates to what the subtitle says: "The Origin and the Fate of the

Universe" from seven of his lectures on his theories and beliefs of his cosmology. Mr/Dr. Hawking does a tremendous job in explaining the history of astronomy with his seven lectures which include..." Ideas (history) About the Universe, The Expanding Universe, Black Holes, Black Holes Ain't So Black, The Origin and Fate of the Universe, The Direction of Time, and The Theory of Everything." Mr. Hawking explains these very complex theories in everyday layman's language to his readers. He uses real life and portended examples to explain his theories. He makes these very complex theories understandable to the layman. He writes with enthusiasm without challenging anyone's theories or faith. His style of writing is not self-centered nor is it arrogant like so many scientists do. His style is inviting, exciting, and very knowledgeable. I highly recommend this book, "The Special Anniversary Edition," to all and everybody, especially the amateur astronomy buffs and the every day layman.

It's remarkable the optimism for a unified theory in 1996. Regardless, a very useful discussion about what we have learned about the Universe and some of the implications that may be issues for future inquiry. The idea of combining quantum and relativity theories is creative and seemingly useful, but doesn't get it done so far. And, certainly didn't before the 21st century. Physics IS evidently the new philosophy. The author does a credible job of asking relevant questions. The book should be in everyone's library of experience, so useful discussion and learning may become us.

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This book goes well with prof Brian Cox's TV documentaries to extend man's understanding. Add the many other science docs and all this is helping us get there. I still don't understand the general theory of relativity but like being on the journey of discovery Which this really is. I think God might enjoy this read even. It's very nice of Stephen to mention Him in despatches complete with initial capitals.

A fast read, Hawking does high-level summaries of this complicated arena better than most anybody, BUT doesn't answer your inevitable "how'd they do that?" questions. BHoTime is better -- more nitty gritty.

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Not being an astrophysicist, or a cosmologist, and a person with near perfect IQ, this is the 2nd most mind-awaking books I have ever read. The first being Hawking's first book!!!. I plan reading several times, as I did with his first one. It is fascinating, to say the least!!! Brilliant, absorbing, and mind-wrenching!!!

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