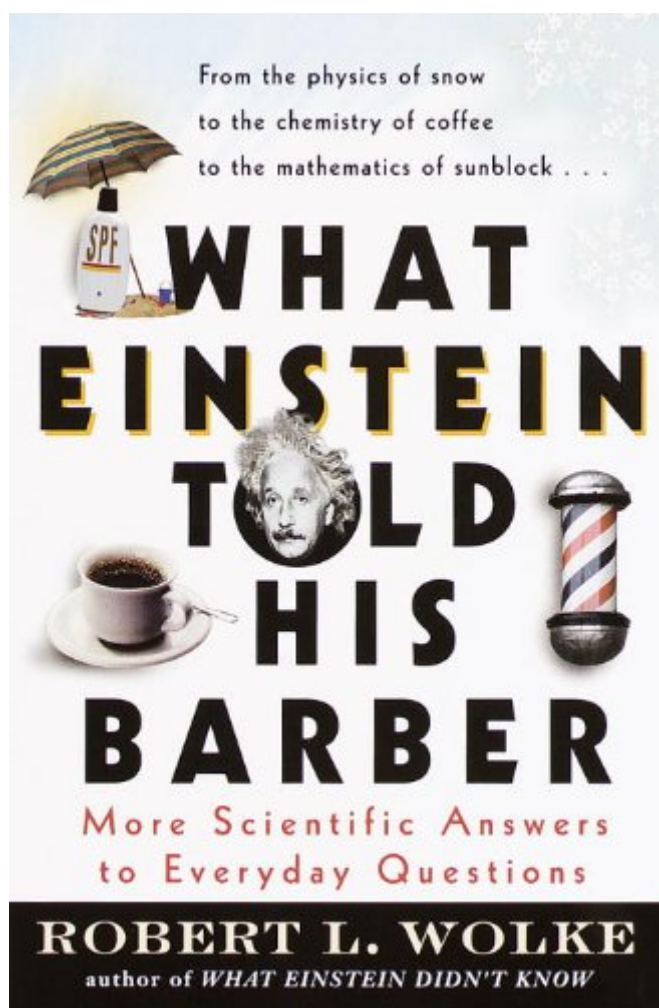


The book was found

# What Einstein Told His Barber: More Scientific Answers To Everyday Questions



## Synopsis

What makes ice cubes cloudy? How do shark attacks make airplanes safer? Can a person traveling in a car at the speed of sound still hear the radio? Moreover, would they want to...? Do you often find yourself pondering life's little conundrums? Have you ever wondered why the ocean is blue? Or why birds don't get electrocuted when perching on high-voltage power lines? Robert L. Wolke, professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh and acclaimed author of *What Einstein Didn't Know*, understands the need to...well, understand. Now he provides more amusing explanations of such everyday phenomena as gravity (If you're in a falling elevator, will jumping at the last instant save your life?) and acoustics (Why does a whip make such a loud cracking noise?), along with amazing facts, belly-up-to-the-bar bets, and mind-blowing reality bites all with his trademark wit and wisdom. If you shoot a bullet into the air, can it kill somebody when it comes down? You can find out about all this and more in an astonishing compendium of the proverbial mind-boggling mysteries of the physical world we inhabit. Arranged in a question-and-answer format and grouped by subject for browsing ease, *WHAT EINSTEIN TOLD HIS BARBER* is for anyone who ever pondered such things as why colors fade in sunlight, what happens to the rubber from worn-out tires, what makes red-hot objects glow red, and other scientific curiosities. Perfect for fans of *Newton's Apple*, *Jeopardy!*, and The Discovery Channel, *WHAT EINSTEIN TOLD HIS BARBER* also includes a glossary of important scientific buzz words and a comprehensive index. -->From the Trade Paperback edition.

## Book Information

File Size: 4358 KB

Print Length: 288 pages

Publisher: Dell (July 29, 2009)

Publication Date: July 29, 2009

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B002ZW7ECI

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #45,609 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #9

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Science > Essays & Commentary #11

in Kindle Store > Books > Humor & Entertainment > Humor > Science & Scientists #40 in Kindle Store >

Science & Math > Essays & Commentary

## Customer Reviews

Great little book full of intelligent good humor and science facts. Style and substance with just a little drama. *5.0 out of 5 stars*

In depth explanation of every day events we sometimes take for granted. Interesting read wish a little humor added..recommend. marion

This was a gift, but my grandson liked it very much.

This is a very fun read - highly recommended!

Great book to just pick up and read the different odd questions that most have a hard time answering. Very informative and fun to read.

Quite clever and entertaining, and for the most part correct. But the author is pretty sloppy with some basic concepts of physics. As a physics teacher I have to correct these wrong notions in my students' heads. It's tough enough just to clear their heads of junk science they get from movies. This is harder because Mr. Wolke has a lot of credibility. Here are two examples: Newton's 3rd Law: (p6) "When you are standing on the elevator floor and gravity (force #1) is pulling you down against the floor, the floor is pushing you back up with an equal force (force #2)." NO, NO, NO. An action-reaction pair of forces cannot act on the same object (you). The reaction to the earth (by gravity) pulling you down is you pulling the earth up. Second example: (p123) "they are subjected to an outward centrifugal force tending to fling them off the planet." NOPE. "centrifugal force" is a fictitious force. It does not exist. You tend to be "flung" because of The First Law: A body in motion tends to stay in motion in a straight line. To be honest I haven't read the whole book. It is possible he corrects these misunderstandings elsewhere.

To start, if you haven't already read the description, these things aren't actually things Einstein said to his barber. These are things the author figured might come up if he actually had conversations with his barber and what they might talk about. The book does a good job in identifying common scientific misnomers, issues and questions we have all probably had from time to time and presents them in a humorous and factual way. There are a ton of things in here, some stuff you might already know and some you may not have. If you're into science or just curious about things, this is definitely a good read.

If you have an inquiring mind, you need to read this book. That, of course, assumes you are interested in life around you! This book is a true gem and gives us some explanations of subjects of great pith in the scientific arena. I enjoyed the fact that it explained some of those pesky annoyances of life (i.e., why the hell does the windshield of my car fog up on the inside??) to something I've wondered about since I was a young child: If I'm trapped in a falling elevator, can I jump upward at the last minute and escape the inevitable damage to life and limb due to the impact? And yes, I've always been an inquisitive person!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

What Einstein Told His Barber: More Scientific Answers to Everyday Questions Einstein Already had it, But He Did not See it: Part 0: The Discarded Term from the Einstein-Hilbert-Action (Einstein had it Book 1) What Einstein Told His Cook: Kitchen Science Explained 100 Questions & Answers About Lung Cancer (100 Questions and Answers) The Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center 100 Questions & Answers About Parkinson Disease (100 Questions & Answers) Questions and Answers: Remedies (Questions & Answers) 100 Questions (and Answers) About Research Methods (SAGE 100 Questions and Answers) Questions & Answers About Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) (100 Questions & Answers about) Jewish Answers to Medical Questions: Questions and Answers from the Medical Ethics Department of Chief Rabbi of Great Britain Interview Answers in a Flash: More than 200 flash card-style questions and answers to prepare you for that all-important job interview! 100 Questions: Super-Handy Practice Book by Citizenship Basics for the U.S. Citizenship/Naturalization Interview/Test: 100 Civics Questions & Answers and Questions-Only: The Best Way to Study! Einstein's Cosmos: How Albert Einstein's Vision Transformed Our Understanding of Space and Time: Great Discoveries Einstein: A Life of Genius (The True Story of Albert Einstein) (Historical Biographies of Famous People) Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger (Frank Einstein series #2): Book Two Frank Einstein and the EvoBlaster Belt (Frank Einstein series #4): Book Four Frank Einstein and the BrainTurbo (Frank Einstein series #3):

Book Three Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor (Frank Einstein series #1): Book One  
¿ Quien fue Albert Einstein? / Who Was Albert Einstein? (Spanish Edition) (Quien Fue? / Who Was?) How Einstein gives Dirac, Klein-Gordon and Schrödinger: Deriving the Schrödinger, Dirac and Klein-Gordon Equations from the Einstein-Field-Equations via an Intelligent Zero The Road to Relativity: The History and Meaning of Einstein's "The Foundation of General Relativity", Featuring the Original Manuscript of Einstein's Masterpiece

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)