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James Kakalios explores the scientific plausibility of the powers and feats of the most famous superheroes — and discovers that in many cases the comic writers got their science surprisingly right. Along the way he provides an engaging and witty commentary while introducing the lay reader to both classic and cutting-edge concepts in physics, including: What Superman's strength can tell us about the Newtonian physics of force, mass, and acceleration How Iceman's and Storm's powers illustrate the principles of thermal dynamics The physics behind the death of Spider-Man's girlfriend Gwen Stacy Why physics professors gone bad are the most dangerous evil geniuses!

Albert Einstein wasn't afraid to think for himself. And as a young man, he had little choice--after barely passing his final exams in college, he couldn't find a job in physics and had to take a job reviewing inventors' patent applications at an office in Bern, Switzerland. But in his free time he wrote papers with fantastical theories. That light is both a wave and a particle. That matter can become energy, and energy can become matter. That space can "bend" and time is relative. Other scientists ignored him at first, but in time would realize he was absolutely correct about nearly everything, and it turned the world of physics upside down.

Einstein and the Time Machine is a fast-paced, entertaining biography of the greatest thinkers of the twentieth century. In addition to its lively story, it includes 190 illustrations, a glossary, and sidebars covering related topics, from time travel to the Nobel Prize to the origin of the universe--the Big Bang.

The definitive biography of the brilliant, charismatic, and very human physicist and innovator Enrico Fermi In 1942, a team at the University of Chicago achieved what no one had before: a nuclear chain reaction. At the forefront of this breakthrough stood Enrico Fermi. Straddling the ages of classical physics and quantum mechanics, equally at ease with theory and experiment, Fermi truly was the last man who knew everything--at least about physics. But he was also a complex figure who was a part of both the Italian Fascist Party and the Manhattan Project, and a less-than-ideal father and husband who nevertheless remained one of history's greatest mentors. Based on new archival material and exclusive interviews, *The Last Man Who Knew Everything* lays bare the enigmatic life of a colossus of twentieth century physics.

Over the last decade, and even since the bursting of the technology bubble, pundits, consultants, and thought leaders have argued that information technology provides the edge necessary for business success. IT expert Nicholas G. Carr offers a radically different view in this eloquent and explosive book. As IT's power and presence have grown, he argues, its strategic relevance has actually decreased. IT has been transformed from a source of advantage into a commoditized "cost of doing business"--with huge implications for business management. Expanding on Carr's seminal Harvard Business Review article that generated a storm of controversy, *Does IT Matter?* provides a truly compelling--and unsettling--account of IT's changing business role and its leveling influence on competition. Through astute analysis of historical and contemporary examples, Carr shows that the evolution of IT closely parallels that of earlier technologies such as railroads and electric power. He goes on to lay out a new agenda for IT

management, stressing cost control and risk management over innovation and investment. And he examines the broader implications for business strategy and organization as well as for the technology industry. A frame-changing statement on one of the most important business phenomena of our time, *Does IT Matter?* marks a crucial milestone in the debate about IT's future. An acclaimed business writer and thinker, Nicholas G. Carr is a former executive editor of the *Harvard Business Review*.

Offers predictions about the shift from private computer systems to Internet-based networks for computer-based businesses, and how the change will impact economics, culture, and society.

If you choose to share 'the facts of life' with children at a young age, this is the perfect book to do so. It gently guides the reader through each stage of a child's development within the womb with charming illustrations and simple explanations, inviting lots of discussion and providing answers to all those questions. Shortlisted for the Junior Science Book Award (now the Royal Society's Science Prize).

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La prima ondata del femminismo ha conquistato il diritto di voto. La seconda la libertà sessuale. Adesso è il momento della terza: negli Stati Uniti e in gran parte d'Europa le donne stanno ottenendo la parità anche sul lavoro, nello sport e nei posti chiave della politica, della cultura e dell'economia. La spallata definitiva? A 60 anni dal saggio fondamentale di Simone de Beauvoir, *Il secondo sesso*, parrebbe proprio di sì, nonostante le brusche frenate, le violenze, i pregiudizi e gli ostacoli che ancora si pongono sul cammino di metà dell'umanità. Protagoniste di questa nuova epoca, le cosiddette ragazze Alfa, colte, decise, poco ideologizzate, perfino poco solidali, ma molto determinate a prendersi il loro posto nel mondo.

Linus Hoppe has always lived in Realm One, an ideal world. Now, at 14, he must be tested by the Great Processor to determine where he deserves to live from here on. If he achieves a high score, nothing in his life will change. But if he scores too low, he'll be relegated to an inferior realm, possibly far from his family and friends. There's really nothing for Linus to worry about—unless, of course, he chooses to alter his destiny.

Plunge into the world of science and learn about humankind's ten most important discoveries, including stars, wheels, numbers, light, medicine, sound, atoms, materials, energy and life. See how early scientific observations made by ancient civilizations went on to shape our world today, and learn how technology evolved over time in ten breakthrough moments for each of the ten key discoveries. ?From the invention of the wheel, which was adapted over thousands of years to power the powerful modern engines of the modern age, learn how simple steps in science led to giant leaps for mankind.

Create media-rich client applications using JavaFX 9 and the Java 9 platform. Learn to create GUI-based applications for

mobile devices, desktop PCs, and even the web. Incorporate media such as audio and video into your applications. Interface with hardware devices such as Arduino and Leap Motion. Respond to gesture control through devices such as the Leap Motion Controller. Take advantage of the new HTTP2 API to make RESTful web requests and WebSockets calls. New to this edition are examples of creating stylized text and loading custom fonts, guidance for working with Scene Builder to create visual layouts, and new content on developing iOS and Android applications using Gluon mobile. The book also covers advanced topics such as custom controls, JavaFX 3D, gesture devices, printing, and animation. Best of all, the book is full of working code that you can adapt and extend to all your future projects. Is your goal to develop visually exciting applications in the Java language? Then this is the book you want at your side. JavaFX 9 by Example is chock-full of engaging, fun-to-work examples that bring you up to speed on the major facets of JavaFX 9. You'll learn to create applications that look good, are fun to use, and that take advantage of the medium to present data of all types in ways that engage the user and lead to increased productivity. The book: Has been updated with new content on modular development, new APIs, and an example using the Scene Builder tool Is filled with fun and practical code examples that you can modify and drop into your own projects Includes an example using Arduino and an accelerometer sensor to track motion in 3D Helps you create JavaFX applications for iOS and Android devices What You'll Learn Work with touch-based interfaces Interpret gesture-based events Use shapes, color, text, and UI controls to create a simple click and point game Add audio and video to your projects Utilize JavaFX 3D Create custom controls using CSS, SVG, and Canvas APIs Organize code into modules using Java Platform Module System (Project Jigsaw) Who This Book Is For Java developers developing visual and media-rich applications to run on PCs, phones, tablets, Arduino controllers, and more. This includes developers tasked with creating visualizations of data from statistical analysis and from sensor networks. Any developer wanting to develop a polished user-interface in Java will find much to like in this book.

Given the increasing interest in the near term deployment of new nuclear power plants, IAEA Member States have requested guidance on the process of evaluating and selecting available technology options. Reactor technology assessment enables the evaluation, selection, and deployment of the best technology to meet the objectives of a nuclear power programme. This publication demonstrates how reactor technology assessment is performed and how the process and results of this work enable decision making in nuclear power planning. The approach also provides decision makers with the documentation necessary to support their conclusions.

Connor is sure his best friend, Branwell, couldn't have hurt Branwell's baby half sister, Nikki. But Nikki lies in a coma, and Branwell is in a juvenile behavioral center, suspected of a horrible crime and unable to utter the words to tell what really

happened. Connor is the only one who might be able to break through Branwell's wall of silence. But how can he prove Branwell didn't commit the unspeakable act of which he's accused — when Branwell can't speak for himself?

This special edition has been designed specifically for aspiring astronomers living south of the equator. This book explores the planets, stars, galaxies and nebulae observable from the southern hemisphere. Not only does this book illustrate how to observe, it also shows how each object appears through a small telescope!

Enrico Fermi is unquestionably among the greats of the world's physicists, the most famous Italian scientist since Galileo. Called the Pope by his peers, he was regarded as infallible in his instincts and research. His discoveries changed our world; they led to weapons of mass destruction and conversely to life-saving medical interventions. This unassuming man struggled with issues relevant today, such as the threat of nuclear annihilation and the relationship of science to politics. Fleeing Fascism and anti-Semitism, Fermi became a leading figure in America's most secret project: building the atomic bomb. The last physicist who mastered all branches of the discipline, Fermi was a rare mixture of theorist and experimentalist. His rich legacy encompasses key advances in fields as diverse as cosmic rays, nuclear technology, and early computers. In their revealing book, *The Pope of Physics*, Gino Segré and Bettina Hoerlin bring this scientific visionary to life. An examination of the human dramas that touched Fermi's life as well as a thrilling history of scientific innovation in the twentieth century, this is the comprehensive biography that Fermi deserves.

The Times Literary Supplement called their previous book, *Symmetry and the Beautiful Universe*: [A] tour de force of physics made simple. Quantum theory is the bedrock of contemporary physics and the basis of understanding matter in its tiniest dimensions and the vast universe as a whole. But for many, the theory remains an impenetrable enigma. Nobel Prize laureate Leon M. Lederman and Fermi lab theoretical physicist Christopher T. Hill seek to remedy this situation by both drawing on their scientific expertise and their talent for communicating science to the general reader. In this lucid, informative book, designed for the curious, they make the seemingly daunting subject of quantum physics accessible, appealing, and exciting. Their story is partly historical, covering the many Eureka moments when great scientists—Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Niels Bohr, Werner Heisenberg, Erwin Schrödinger, and others—struggled to come to grips with the bizarre realities that quantum research revealed. Although their findings were indisputably proven in experiments, they were so strange and counterintuitive that Einstein refused to accept quantum theory, despite its great success. The authors explain the many strange and even eerie aspects of quantum reality at the subatomic level, from particles that can be many places simultaneously and sometimes act more like waves, to the effect that a human can have on their movements by just observing them! Finally, Drs. Lederman and Hill delve into quantum physics' latest and perhaps most breathtaking offshoots—field theory and string theory. The intricacies and ramifications of these two theories will give the reader much to ponder. In addition, the authors describe the diverse applications of quantum theory in its almost countless forms of modern technology throughout the world. Using eloquent analogies and illustrative examples, *Quantum Physics for Poets* render even the most profound reaches of quantum theory understandable and something for us all to savor. Leon M.

Lederman, Nobel Laureate (Batavia, IL), is Resident Scholar at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Director Emeritus of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Pritzker Professor of Science at the Illinois Institute of Technology, the author of the highly acclaimed *The God Particle*, the editor of *Portraits of Great American Scientists*, and a contributor to *Science Literacy for the Twenty-First Century*. Dr. Lederman and coauthor Christopher T. Hill are also the coauthors of *Symmetry and the Beautiful Universe*. Christopher T. Hill, PhD (Batavia, IL), is chairman of the Department of Theoretical Physics and a theoretical physicist (Scientist III) at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

La forza nell'atomo Lise Meitner si racconta Giunti Editore

When young Iqbal is sold into slavery at a carpet factory, his arrival changes everything for the other overworked and abused children there. It is Iqbal who explains to them that despite their master's promises, he plans on keeping them as his slaves indefinitely. But it is also Iqbal who inspires the other children to look to a future free from toil...and is brave enough to show them how to get there. This moving fictionalized account of the real Iqbal Masih is told through the voice of Fatima, a young Pakistani girl whose life is changed by Iqbal's courage.

To be in the Ricker Racker Club you have to be brave. You have to be kind. You have to not be a girl ... but some people are better than others at being both kind and brave. Patrick Guest and Nathaniel Eckstrom tell us who and why and how in this lively story about silly rules and even sillier situations.

In this "provocative" book (*New York Times*), a contrarian physicist argues that her field's modern obsession with beauty has given us wonderful math but bad science. Whether pondering black holes or predicting discoveries at CERN, physicists believe the best theories are beautiful, natural, and elegant, and this standard separates popular theories from disposable ones. This is why, Sabine Hossenfelder argues, we have not seen a major breakthrough in the foundations of physics for more than four decades. The belief in beauty has become so dogmatic that it now conflicts with scientific objectivity: observation has been unable to confirm mindboggling theories, like supersymmetry or grand unification, invented by physicists based on aesthetic criteria. Worse, these "too good to not be true" theories are actually untestable and they have left the field in a cul-de-sac. To escape, physicists must rethink their methods. Only by embracing reality as it is can science discover the truth.

The objective of this workshop was to put together observational and theoretical works on outflows from different kinds of astrophysical objects, occurring on different scales and at various evolutionary phases, and to discuss the impact of observations from future space missions. For the stars, we thought to follow throughout the evolution the relevance (rates and dynamical modes) of the mass loss phenomenon, e. g. to explain how and when massive stars lose most of their initial mass to end up with typical WD masses. The observations of the solar wind were included for being a unique case where the origin and propagation of the outflow can be resolved. We thought that the comparison with similar phenomena occurring in galactic outflows would be fruitful, as demonstrated by recent works on galactic winds and jets. The interest of having this workshop in Torino came because there are groups in this area, at the Astronomical Observatory and at the Institute of Physics of the University, involved in the

theoretical and observational studies of outflows from astrophysical objects. The members of the Scientific Organizing Committee were: V. Castellani, C. Cesarski, P. Conti, A. Ferrari, A. Gabriel, M. Grewing, Y. Kondo, H. Lamers, V. Manno, M. Rees and R. Schilizzi. The Local Organizing Committee was: L. Bianchi, G. Massone and E. Antonucci. During the workshop the following topics were treated: the solar wind, the mass loss from cool stars and from hot stars (m. s.

"Beautifully written, eloquently reasoned...Mr. Buonomano takes us off and running on an edifying scientific journey." —Carol Tavris, Wall Street Journal In *Your Brain Is a Time Machine*, leading neuroscientist Dean Buonomano embarks on an "immensely engaging" exploration of how time works inside the brain (Barbara Kiser, Nature). The human brain, he argues, is a complex system that not only tells time, but creates it; it constructs our sense of chronological movement and enables "mental time travel"—simulations of future and past events. These functions are essential not only to our daily lives but to the evolution of the human race: without the ability to anticipate the future, mankind would never have crafted tools or invented agriculture. This virtuosic work of popular science will lead you to a revelation as strange as it is true: your brain is, at its core, a time machine. The physicist authors of *Quantum Physics for Poets* discuss the importance of the Higgs Boson in 2012 and the future of particle physics, explaining the forces and laws surrounding the "God Particle" and the ways the United States can recapture a leadership role in scientific advancement.

One of the world's leading physicists questions some of the most fashionable ideas in physics today, including string theory What can fashionable ideas, blind faith, or pure fantasy possibly have to do with the scientific quest to understand the universe? Surely, theoretical physicists are immune to mere trends, dogmatic beliefs, or flights of fancy? In fact, acclaimed physicist and bestselling author Roger Penrose argues that researchers working at the extreme frontiers of physics are just as susceptible to these forces as anyone else. In this provocative book, he argues that fashion, faith, and fantasy, while sometimes productive and even essential in physics, may be leading today's researchers astray in three of the field's most important areas—string theory, quantum mechanics, and cosmology. Arguing that string theory has veered away from physical reality by positing six extra hidden dimensions, Penrose cautions that the fashionable nature of a theory can cloud our judgment of its plausibility. In the case of quantum mechanics, its stunning success in explaining the atomic universe has led to an uncritical faith that it must also apply to reasonably massive objects, and Penrose responds by suggesting possible changes in quantum theory. Turning to cosmology, he argues that most of the current fantastical ideas about the origins of the universe cannot be true, but that an even wilder reality may lie behind them. Finally, Penrose describes how fashion, faith, and fantasy have ironically also shaped his own work, from twistor theory, a possible alternative to string theory that is beginning to acquire a fashionable status, to "conformal cyclic cosmology," an idea so fantastic that it could be called "conformal crazy cosmology." The result is an important critique of some of the most significant developments in physics today from one of its most eminent figures.

Authoritative 2006 description of pioneering women who made important contributions to physics from the twentieth century.

"Bark, George," says George's mother, and George goes: "Meow," which definitely isn't right, because George is a dog. And so is

his mother, who repeats, "Bark, George." And George goes, "Quack, quack." What's going on with George? Find out in this hilarious new picture book from Jules Feiffer.

This is an expanded version of the third Dirac Memorial Lecture, given in 1988 by the Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam. Salam's lecture presents an overview of the developments in modern particle physics from its inception at the turn of the century to the present theories seeking to unify all the fundamental forces. In addition, two previously unpublished lectures by Paul Dirac, and Werner Heisenberg are included. These lectures provide a fascinating insight into their approach to research and the developments in particle physics at that time. Nonspecialists, undergraduates and researchers will find this a fascinating book. It contains a clear introduction to the major themes of particle physics and cosmology by one of the most distinguished contemporary physicists.

Mentre i due fratelli Paolo e Marco sono a cena con il papà, una trasmissione televisiva incomprensibile gli fa venir voglia di sapere come è fatto il mondo, e in particolare la loro cena. Sarà proprio papà Albert, che è un fisico, a spiegar loro, con chiarezza e un pizzico di ironia, cosa sono gli atomi, di cosa è composto il nucleo e come si distingue un atomo da un altro. Alla fine della serata, le molecole e le particelle elementari non avranno più segreti per loro.

A theoretical physicist describes the evolution of modern-day string theory, the flaws in the attempt to formulate a "theory of everything" to explain all the forces and particles of nature and the origins of the universe, and their repercussions for physics. Part of the critically acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of David Bowie, the starman who dazzled audiences with his music. As a child, young David had a head full of songs and ideas. He was inspired by the pop and mod scenes in Britain to pick up the saxophone. After earning his stripes in some of the coolest bands in London, David splashed onto the solo scene. His songwriting talent and musical skill made him one of rock and roll's all-time greatest artists. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the musician's life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a bestselling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series offers inspiring messages to children of all ages, in a range of formats. The board books are told in simple sentences, perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers. The hardback versions present expanded stories for beginning readers. Boxed gift sets allow you to collect a selection of the books by theme. Paper dolls, learning cards, matching games and other fun learning tools provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS!

Nothing -- not even the chance to survive -- makes Dr. Korczak abandon the children of the Warsaw Ghetto.

This is the first English translation of the book *The World as Space and Time* (???? ???? ?????????????? ? ??????) written by the great Russian physicist Alexander Friedmann who first showed in 1922 that Einstein's equations have solutions that describe a non-

stationary Universe (later the experimental evidence did confirm that the Universe is expanding). The original Russian publication was in 1923. The book is one of the first introductions to the spacetime physics of the theory of relativity for a wider audience. Friedmann had succeeded in both making the book accessible to non-experts and providing rigorous explanations. Uses iconic images to teach the history of modern science, from early depictions of the constellations to magnifications of single atoms.

The Schumann Marriage diaries provide a vivid portrait of the unique artistic and personal union between two renowned musicians. For the first four years of their marriage, Robert and Clara Schumann kept a joint diary, recording their entries, at least initially, on alternate weeks. Begun on September 13, 1840, the day after their marriage, the diary opens with guidance from Robert: "This little book . . . has a very intimate meaning; it shall be a diary about everything that touches us mutually in our household and marriage." The diaries reflect the harmony as well as the discord in their marriage. Robert and Clara describe in intimate detail their honeymoon period, the births of their children, their busy social lives, travels throughout Europe, financial problems, separations, and reunions. The book also evokes the artistic milieu of nineteenth-century Germany. The Schumanns came in contact with many musicians, including their close friends Felix Mendelssohn and Franz Liszt, and recorded their insightful reactions to the artists and their music. The marriage diaries cover a fertile period in Robert Schumann's life, during which he wrote the Spring Symphony, the Piano Concerto, most of his chamber music, his first oratorio, "Paradise and the Peri, " and numerous songs. They reflect the frenetic pace at which he worked, as well as his growing bouts of depression, his ambivalent response to Clara's decision to return to the concert stage after a prolonged hiatus, and her anxiety in the face of Robert's changing moods. This edition includes the couple's travel book, written during their stressful concert tour of Russia in 1844, which marked the end of the marriage diaries; Robert Schumann's descriptions of Russian customs; and the poems he wrote in Moscow - all of which provide a fascinating and uniquely detailed glimpse at what it was like to travel in Russia at the time.

Collins Easy Learning Italian Grammar offers beginners a clear and easy-to-understand guide to the verbs and grammar of Italian.

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