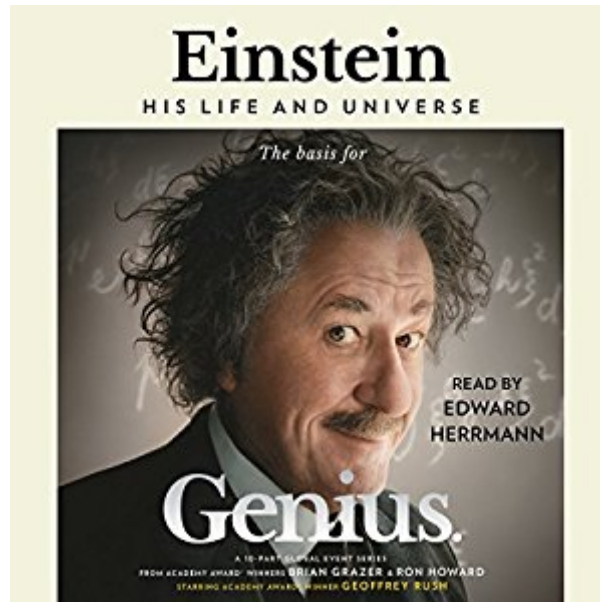




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# Einstein: His Life And Universe



## Synopsis

By the author of the acclaimed bestseller *Benjamin Franklin*, this is the first full biography of Albert Einstein since all of his papers have become available. How did his mind work? What made him a genius? Isaacson's biography shows how his scientific imagination sprang from the rebellious nature of his personality. His fascinating story is a testament to the connection between creativity and freedom. Based on newly released personal letters of Einstein, this book explores how an imaginative, impertinent patent clerk -- a struggling father in a difficult marriage who couldn't get a teaching job or a doctorate -- became the mind reader of the creator of the cosmos, the locksmith of the mysteries of the atom and the universe. His success came from questioning conventional wisdom and marveling at mysteries that struck others as mundane. This led him to embrace a morality and politics based on respect for free minds, free spirits, and free individuals. These traits are just as vital for this new century of globalization, in which our success will depend on our creativity, as they were for the beginning of the last century, when Einstein helped usher in the modern age. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Mark F. LaMoure, Boise, ID "Einstein," is a book by Walter Isaacson who discusses Einstein's life in detail. It is very well written for the lay person and reveals many interesting sides of Einstein's life and works. As a scientist, Albert Einstein was one of the most epic stars among all 20th-century scientific thinkers. The book brings Einstein's life and times into clear focus, delivering new

information never seen by the public. This biography focuses closely on Einstein's personal life and the non-scientific circumstances of his very long and highly productive career. The book is not a fast read, nor is it simple read, but shows Albert Einstein (1879-1955) to be a master genius. The book is a fascinating and well-written account by Mr. Isaacson, whose style is to write about people who are so stunning that we need to know what makes them that way. Isaacson's book studies Einstein as a man, with his many imperfections, some bizarre, others just plain incredible. What I especially admired was the angle of description that Isaacson chose for this detailed portrait of Albert Einstein. I give the book 5 Gold Stars, which was 24 Karat Gold cover-to-cover. A brilliant masterpiece.

Einstein is looked at as the consummate genius. He is culture's example of what a genius is and most geniuses are compared to him to one degree or another. When I saw this book on , I realized that I really didn't know that much about the real Einstein. As I had recently completed Walter Isaacson's book on Benjamin Franklin and was impressed with the authorship, I decided to purchase this book. This book goes through Einstein's life, his exceptional genius-he had a gift for "visualizing" concepts and conditions-is what really set him apart. His theory of light was derived in part because of his ability to "visualize" what it would look like to "ride along beside a beam of light". He could visualize experiments in his mind and then understand basic principles of these experiments. Often, the principle would be proven experimentally by someone else. His theory of relativity predicted that gravity would bend light when light came near a major gravitational source. This was proven some years later by astronomers during a solar eclipse. The author goes into Einstein's personal life, his marriages, his two sons, his flight from Germany and his later support of a Jewish homeland. His ideas of a one world government is presented, along with his views of pacifism, and his never ending search for the "single unifying principle". In brief, this book presented Einstein as a real person, and I came away with a much greater understanding of Einstein the man, not just the "consummate genius".

This is a great read and helps not only explain Einstein's science, but also the highly complicated man behind the theories. I don't always understand the science, and as it states in the book, "there maybe 3 people in the world" that do understand his findings.

Wanted a biography that also explained how Einstein thought and came up with his theories. This book was exactly what I wanted.

My main interest was his personal story which was well researched and presented. The science side and Einstein's mathematical discussions were a bit ( a lot ) over my head. That said I learned and enjoyed this biography very much.

Good book. A brilliant person from a different perspective. Let's you understand him a little more. There are a lot of things that are not really revealed outside of this book, things you likely never knew. It is a good read.

In my younger reading days I thought the writings of Einstein biographer Banesh Hoffmann were the be all and end all of writing about Einstein. Biography just couldn't get any better! To me, it is the genre that can provide the ultimate thrill of personality! It is quite possibly my favorite. So it is with considerable excitement that I share my impressions of Isaacson's "Einstein" as reaching the highest levels of his craft. It means for me that in writing on his subject can be found all the components that are most effective in holding our attention, in exciting it! A few that abound: illumination, profundity, affection and humor, grace through understanding, and of course exhaustive authoritative research and exploration. I love this biography because it adds to Hoffmann's wonderful embrace of a man he loved and admired as a friend and colleague--because it too engages our hearts and minds in the thrill of personality. And in this case what a personality it was.

Outstanding. Watched Genius on Nat Geo and was intrigued, so I found the book the series was based upon. Book gives more in depth information. The Nat Geo show was pretty accurate to this book.

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