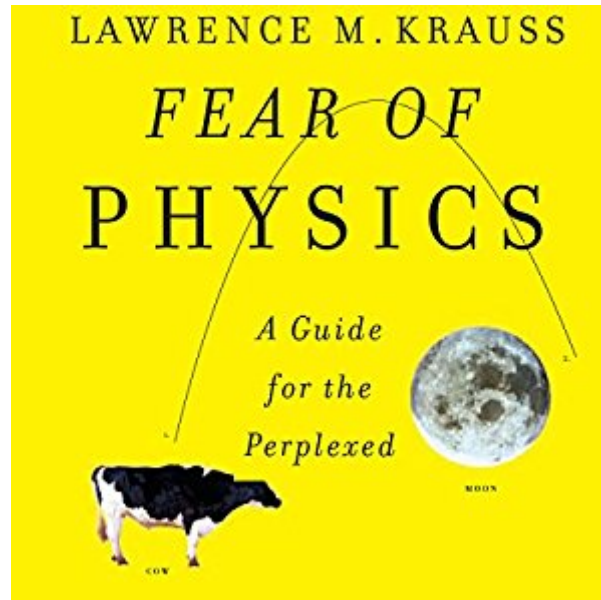




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Customer Reviews

I assign chapters from this book to my physics students along with Lewin's book, For the Love of Physics. Both change their viewpoint of physics and physicists. Students often have the misconception that all science is done by boring white men with crazy hair who hang out in labs following some set of directions and discovering new ideas in an orderly fashion. Teaching them to see science as messy, somewhat random and also exciting and bewildering is part of my mission in educating them. These two books do not help with the "white guy" perception (and sorry, not much with the crazy hair stereotype), but at least the students begin to see science as a living, breathing entity, rather than a bunch of math (with the most important formulas boxed up or presented in bold type) from a typical physics text. Frankly, most of them are not going to remember even the basic physics formulas a decade from now, but they will remember the topics from this book. If they can hold onto excitement which Krauss expresses in his book (you will NEVER read a better explanation of why we need scientific notation) I consider my job as well done. I am finally getting around to writing this review after years of assigning the book because my son had the chance to take a class with Krauss at ASU, which he adored. I waited until the grades

were assigned to upload this review, finally getting this done is a small way of paying back for the joy of physics he has given indirectly to my students, and directly to my son. I also hope to do a small part in making physics a topic which does not induce cringing, but delight, and this book helps me to do so for my students.

I'm a big fan of Krauss, and this is one of his better books. Physics isn't for sissies, and you have to put some effort into reading this, even if it is pretty dumbed-down stuff. If you can get through it and understand 80% of what he is writing, you will be ahead of 95% of your friends. Not written for the person with zero background, nor for the scientist, but those of us in the middle who know a little and want to know more.

A surprisingly nuanced yet accessible look at modern physics. Krauss starts out at a welcome, remedial pace -- walking the reader through basic tenets of physics and mathematics. However, by the end of the book, Krauss has equipped the lay reader (like myself) to finally understand bleeding-edge concepts of physics like renormalization and symmetry-breaking. This book is for the enthusiastic learner, not the faint of heart.

Great book for the physics minded.

For someone who barely made it through 'trigonometry', this was an educational read. I am a Very BIG FAN of Lawrence Krauss !!!

This is a great book. However it wasn't much new for me. It's the type of book you'd want to read after a book like Physics for Dummies. It's well written and simple to understand, with humor.

My daughter was thrilled to get this book! She absolutely loves it!

Lawrence Krauss writes some very informative books and this is one of them

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