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***An exhibition of
drawings by the Italian
late-Renaissance and
Mannerist artist.***

***A History of Siena
provides a concise and
up-to-date biography of
the city, from its***

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**ancient and medieval
development up to the
present day, and makes
Siena's history,
culture, and traditions
accessible to anyone
studying or visiting the
city. Well informed by
archival research and
recent scholarship on
medieval Siena and the
Italian city-states,
this book places Siena's
development in its
larger context, both
temporally and
geographically. In the
process, this book
offers new**

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***interpretations of
Siena's artistic,
political, and economic
development,
highlighting in
particular the role of
pilgrimage, banking, and
class conflict. The
second half of the book
provides an important
analysis of the
historical development
of Siena's nobility, its
unique system of
neighborhood
associations (contrade)
and the race of the
Palio, as well as an
overview of the rise and***

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**fall of Siena's troubled
bank, the Monte dei
Paschi. This book is
accessible to
undergraduates and
tourists, while also
offering plenty of new
insights for graduate
students and scholars of
all periods of Sienese
history.**

**Bullied is a series of
short stories exploring
the world of these teens
from several different
viewpoints: the victim,
the bully, the gay
bystander, the straight
friend, the concerned**

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parent.
A sweeping and dramatic history of the last half century of conflict in the Middle East from an award-winning journalist who has covered the region for over forty years, The Great War for Civilisation unflinchingly chronicles the tragedy of the region from the Algerian Civil War to the Iranian Revolution; from the American hostage crisis in Beirut to the Iran-Iraq War; from the 1991 Gulf War to the American

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***invasion of Iraq in
2003. A book of searing
drama as well as lucid,
incisive analysis, The
Great War for
Civilisation is a work
of major importance for
today's world.***

***Raising Vegetarian
Children***

***Trespassing on
Einstein's Lawn***

***The Heart of Hidden
Reality***

***The Conquest of the
Middle East***

***The Second Book of the
Adult Trilogy***

A History of Siena

*This title is part of UC Press's
Voices Revived program, which
commemorates University of
California Press's mission to
seek out and cultivate the
brightest minds and give them
voice, reach, and impact.
Drawing on a backlist dating
to 1893, Voices Revived makes
high-quality, peer-reviewed
scholarship accessible once
again using print-on-demand
technology. This title was
originally published in 1979.
Market: Those interested in
fluid dynamics and the related
fields of oceanography,
meteorology, and mechanical,
aerospace, chemical, and civil
engineering. This monograph*

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is a report of a meeting sponsored by the National Science Foundation to determine research trends and consequent funding/research needs in fluid dynamics. The book covers major industries, technologies, and environmental issues affected by fluid mechanics, as well as the direction future research in the field should take. The areas covered not only fill important gaps in the literature, they are crucial to the resolution of serious global and regional environmental problems. In addition, the book emphasizes the impact of the research

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**areas on commercial questions
and on issues affecting public
policy.**

**The three-dimensional nucleon
structure is central to many
theoretical and experimental
activities, and research in this
field has seen many advances
in the last two decades,
addressing fundamental
questions such as the orbital
motion of quarks and gluons
inside the nucleons, their
spatial distribution, and the
correlation between spin and
intrinsic motion. A real three-
dimensional imaging of the
nucleon as a composite object,
both in momentum and
coordinate space, is slowly**

emerging. This book presents lectures and seminars from the Enrico Fermi School Three-Dimensional Partonic Structure of the Nucleon, held in Varenna, Impressive progress has been made in the field of laser-plasma acceleration in the last decade, with outstanding achievements from both experimental and theoretical viewpoints. Closely exploiting the development of ultra-intense, ultrashort pulse lasers, laser-plasma acceleration has developed rapidly, achieving accelerating gradients of the order of tens of GeV/m, and making the

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**prospect of miniature
accelerators a more realistic
possibility. This book presents
the lectures delivered at the
Enrico Fermi International
School of Physics and summer
school: 'Laser-Plasma
Acceleration', held in Varenna,
Italy, in June 2011.**

**The Challenges and
Experiences Which Shaped My
Life**

**From its Origins to the Present
Day**

**A Father, a Daughter, the
Meaning of Nothing, and the
Beginning of Everything
Environment, Health, and
Safety**

The Duck and the Owl

A Manifesto

Cazacu 's Dracula offers the most authoritative scholarly biography of Vlad III the Impaler (d. 1476), including how his imagery evolved from contemporary to modern times. This book is a distinctively original biography of Galileo Galilei, probably the last eclectic genius of the Italian Renaissance, who was not only one of the greatest scientists ever, but also a philosopher, a theologian, and a man of great literary, musical, and artistic talent – “ The Tuscan Artist ” , as the poet John Milton referred to him. Galileo was exceptional in simultaneously excelling in the Arts, Science, Philosophy, and Theology. These diverse aspects of his life were

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closely intertwined; indeed, it may be said that he personally demonstrated that human culture is not divisible, but rather one, with a thousand shades. Galileo also represented the bridge between two historical epochs. As the philosopher Tommaso Campanella, a contemporary of Galileo, recognized at the time, Galileo was responsible for ushering in a new age, the Modern Age. This book, which is exceptional in the completeness of its coverage, explores all aspects of the life of Galileo, as a Tuscan artist and giant of the Renaissance, in a stimulating and reader-friendly way. Compared to the Middle Ages, the Renaissance is brief—little more than

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two centuries, extending roughly from the mid-fourteenth century to the end of the sixteenth century—and largely confined to a few Italian city states. Nevertheless, the epoch marked a great cultural shift in sensibilities, the dawn of a new age in which classical Greek and Roman values were "reborn" and human values in all fields, from the arts to civic life, were reaffirmed. With this volume, Eugenio Garin, a leading Renaissance scholar, has gathered the work of an international team of scholars into an accessible account of the people who animated this decisive moment in the genesis of the modern mind. We are offered a broad spectrum of figures, major and minor,

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as they lived their lives: the prince and the military commander, the cardinal and the courtier, the artist and the philosopher, the merchant and the banker, the voyager, and women of all classes. With its concentration on the concrete, the specific, even the anecdotal, the volume offers a wealth of new perspectives and ideas for study.

At its heart, mathematics is about numbers, our fundamental tools for understanding the world. In Professor Stewart's Incredible Numbers, Ian Stewart offers a delightful introduction to the numbers that surround us, from the common (Pi and 2) to the uncommon but no less consequential (1.059463 and

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43,252,003,274,489,856,000). Along
the way, Stewart takes us through
prime numbers, cubic equations, the
concept of zero, the possible positions
on the Rubik's Cube, the role of
numbers in human history, and
beyond! An unfailingly genial guide,
Stewart brings his characteristic wit
and erudition to bear on these
incredible numbers, offering an
engaging primer on the principles and
power of math.

A Status Report

Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics

Professor Stewart's Incredible

Numbers

Historical Analysis and Open

Questions : Lecce, Italy, 13-16

October 1998

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Love and Math

The Show Must Go On

I always thought you'd know, somehow, if something terrible was going to happen. I thought you'd sense it, like when the air goes damp and heavy before a storm and you know you'd better hide yourself away somewhere safe until it all blows over. But it turns out it's not like that at all. There's no scary music playing in the background like in films. No warning signs. Not even a lonely magpie. One for sorrow, Mum used to say. Quick, look for another. The world can tip at any moment ... a fact that fifteen-year-old Pearl is all too

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aware of when her mum dies after giving birth to her baby sister. Told across the year following her mother's death, Pearl's story is full of bittersweet humour and heartbreaking honesty about how you deal with grief that cuts you to the bone, as she tries not only to come to terms with losing her mum, but also the fact that her sister - The Rat - is a constant reminder of why her mum is no longer around... From the author of How Not to Disappear comes a stunning novel about love and loss, and how to carry on when your whole world is turned upside down. Praise for The

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Year of the Rat: 'Beautifully written with a dry sense of humour.' The Stylist 'I cried, I laughed, I cried some more... a moving must-read that'll stay with you long after the last page is turned.' Bliss 'The Year of the Rat is already a strong contender for best YA debut of 2014... I never wanted it to end.' Wondrous Reads 'This novel will stay with me for a very long time. A must-read.' The Mile Long Bookshelf 'An assured debut...Furniss describes Pearl's journey with sensitivity and humour' The Bookseller - editors pick section An awesome, globe-spanning, and New York Times best-

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selling journey through the beauty and power of mathematics What if you had to take an art class in which you were only taught how to paint a fence? What if you were never shown the paintings of van Gogh and Picasso, weren't even told they existed? Alas, this is how math is taught, and so for most of us it becomes the intellectual equivalent of watching paint dry. In *Love and Math*, renowned mathematician Edward Frenkel reveals a side of math we've never seen, suffused with all the beauty and elegance of a work of art. In this heartfelt and passionate

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book, Frenkel shows that mathematics, far from occupying a specialist niche, goes to the heart of all matter, uniting us across cultures, time, and space. *Love and Math* tells two intertwined stories: of the wonders of mathematics and of one young man's journey learning and living it. Having braved a discriminatory educational system to become one of the twenty-first century's leading mathematicians, Frenkel now works on one of the biggest ideas to come out of math in the last 50 years: the Langlands Program. Considered by many to be a Grand Unified

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Theory of mathematics, the Langlands Program enables researchers to translate findings from one field to another so that they can solve problems, such as Fermat's last theorem, that had seemed intractable before. At its core, *Love and Math* is a story about accessing a new way of thinking, which can enrich our lives and empower us to better understand the world and our place in it. It is an invitation to discover the magic hidden universe of mathematics. This book contains chapters based on 9 of the lectures delivered at the Enrico Fermi School of Physics Neutrino

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Physics and Astrophysics, held
from 25 of July to 5 August

2011. The event was organized
by the Italian Physical Society
SIF jointly with the

International School of Astro-
particle Physics ISAPP, a
network whose aim is to build
up an astro-particle community
of both astrophysicists and
particle physicists. Included are
chapters on Neutrino

oscillation physics B. Kayser
Double-beta decay E. Fiorini
Light neutrinos in cosmology S.
Pastor Neutrinos and the stars
G.G. Raffelt High energy
neutrinos and

Paolo Budinich, fisico teorico,,
90 anni appena compiuti, è

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l'ideatore, il fondatore e uno dei principali realizzatori del Sistema Trieste, l'impresa che, grazie al contributo del premio Nobel pakistano Abdus Salam, ha restituito un'anima, scientifica e culturale, alla città che una volta era il porto principale di un grande impero, quello austro-ungarico, e che poi è diventata una città di frontiera. Il Centro Internazionale di Fisica Teorica (ICTP), la Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA), l'AREA Science Park, il sincrotrone Elettra, il centro Internazionale di Genetica e Biotecnologie (ICGEB), il Laboratorio dell'Immaginario

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Scientifico sono alcune delle istituzioni che oggi fanno di Trieste un'autentica "Città della scienza". Tutte hanno avuto tra i loro promotori Paolo Budinich. Tutte sono ponti di pace che collegano mondi diversi. Il fisico, nato a Lussino nel 1916, è inoltre l'unico italiano insignito della medaglia d'oro della TWAS (Third World Academy of Science) e premiato dal Gruppo dei 77, l'organizzazione dei paesi in via di sviluppo. Nessun italiano, probabilmente, ha fatto più di lui per lo sviluppo della scienza nel Sud del mondo. Ma questo grande costruttore di mondi di pace ha anche visioni

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scientifiche e filosofiche di
straordinario interesse. I suoi
passi verso l'"unificazione della
fisica", la sua indomita fiducia
nella matematica, la sua
"metafisica verificabile"
costituiscono un progetto
culturale degno di essere
conosciuto. Questo libro è la
storia di un personaggio
davvero unico e tuttora
contribuisce a fare la storia del
nostro paese.

Mister Cleghorn's Seal
The Italian Experience
The Seventh Asian Congress of
Fluid Mechanics
Power House and Mary
Kathleen
Personal Impressions

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Three O'Clock in the Morning

"... Aspirations to perfection awaken us to our actual imperfection."

It is in the space between these aspirations and our inability to achieve them that Grant reflects upon imperfection. Grant argues that an awareness of imperfection, defined as both suffering and the need for justice, drive us to an unrelenting search for perfection, freedom, and self-determination. The twenty-one brief chapters of Imperfection develop this governing idea as it relates to the

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present situation of the
God debate, modern ethnic
conflicts, and the pursuit
of freedom in relation to
the uncertainties of
personal identity and the
quest for self-
determination. Known for
his exploration of the
relationship between
Buddhism and violent
ethnic conflict in modern
Sri Lanka, as well as his
contribution to the study
of Northern Ireland and
the complex relationships
among religion,
literature, and ethnicity,
Grant provides the reader
with an analysis of the

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widespread rise of religious extremism across the globe. Referencing Plato, Van Gogh, Jesus, and the Buddha, he enlightens the reader with both succinct and original insights into human society. Imperfection is the result of an important Canadian public intellectual at work.

A gripping account of the philosophers who supported Hitler's rise to power and those whose lives were wrecked by his regime Cultural Mobility offers a model for understanding the patterns of meaning

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that human societies
create. It has emerged
under the very
distinguished editorial
guidance of Stephen
Greenblatt and represents
a new way of thinking
about culture and cultures
with which scholars in
many disciplines will need
to engage.

This enthusiastically
received collection
contains Isaiah Berlin's
appreciation of seventeen
people of unusual
distinction in the
intellectual or political
world - sometimes in both.
The names of many of them

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are familiar - Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Chaim Weizmann, Albert Einstein, L. B. Namier, J. L. Austin, Maurice Bowra. With the exception of Roosevelt he met them all, and he knew many of them well. For this new edition four new portraits have been added, including recollections of Virginia Woolf and Edmund Wilson. The volume ends with a vivid and moving account of Berlin's meetings in Russia with Boris Pasternak and Anna Akhmatova in 1945 and 1956.

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Theory of the Earth

Galileo Galilei, The

Tuscan Artist

The Threads of Retribution

Buongiorno Prof. Budinich

The Year of The Rat

Barbie

Turbulence is widely recognized as one of the outstanding problems of the physical sciences, but it still remains only partially understood despite having attracted the sustained efforts of many leading scientists for well over a century. In *A Voyage Through Turbulence* we are transported through a crucial period of the history of the subject via biographies of twelve of its great personalities, starting with Osborne Reynolds and his pioneering work of the 1880s. This book will

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provide absorbing reading for every scientist, mathematician and engineer interested in the history and culture of turbulence, as background to the intense challenges that this universal phenomenon still presents.

"In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning." - F. Scott Fitzgerald A coming-of-age novel—a heady union of *Before Sunrise* and *Beautiful Ruins*—about a father and his teenage son who are forced to spend two sleepless nights exploring the city of Marseilles, a journey of unexpected adventure and profound discovery that helps them come to truly know each other. Antonio is eighteen years old and on the cusp of adulthood. His father, a brilliant mathematician, hasn't played a large part in his life

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since divorcing Antonio's mother but when Antonio is diagnosed with epilepsy, they travel to Marseille to visit a doctor who may hold the hope for an effective treatment. It is there, in a foreign city, under strained circumstances, that they will get to know each other and connect for the first time. A beautiful, gritty, and charming port city where French old-world charm meets modern bohemia, father and son stroll the streets sharing strained small talk. But as the hours pass and day gives way to night, the two find themselves caught in a series of caffeine-imbued adventures involving unexpected people (and unforeseen trysts) that connect father and son for the first time. As the two discuss poetry, family, sex, math,

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death, and dreams, their experience becomes a mesmerizing 48-hour microcosm of a lifetime relationship. Both learn much about illusions and regret, about talent and redemption, and, most of all, about love. Elegant, warm, and tender, set against the vivid backdrop of 1980s Marseille and its beautiful calanques—a series of cliffs and bays on the city's outskirts—*Three O'Clock in the Morning* is a bewitching coming-of-age story imbued with nostalgia and a revelatory exploration of time and fate, youth and adulthood. Translated from the Italian by Howard Curtis

A duck and an owl contemplate starting a friendship, despite their differences in appearance and behavior. After almost four decades, Amelia

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Grover receives the answer to a question she asked during her childhood; she does not remember it. It is a fulfilment of a promise made by Agrippina. Amelia must cross a series of thresholds. Dimensions bring predestination that Amelia must assume, forcing her to lose something precious. Through Agrippina's letter and Amelia's tapestry, her memory tells this saga; about a house built on a white rock; first counting the sadness and happiness of the five generations that came to live in the house. Hidden are the reasons; a Mother and son must be born. They will be the descendants of a family chosen by destiny. Alondra and Kaspar Sabacio will arrive in this world with a predetermined and precise aim; to remove from the planet, its

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most severe scourge, religion. That will not happen before the pieces of a message, lost during the long history of humanity, can go back to the human eyes, and thus be able to redeem the world. Kaspar Sabacio will live a single life to the end. Throughout his journey, Kaspar wishes to be more human. Within him rages a constant battle between his human form, real essence, and purpose, especially his mother's design. He questions his humanity and wishes to experiment with all human emotions. This book brings reincarnations from the present, taking them to an unsuspected future. They are past living, and with them, they bring their guilt, liberation, becoming and the actions of all. The time of this story is indefinite.

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A Cultural History

Cultural Mobility

High Public Debt

Flow at Ultra-High Reynolds and

Rayleigh Numbers

Three-dimensional Partonic Structure

of the Nucleon

A Children's Story

This handbook aims to debunk the myth that vegetarian diets provide inadequate nutrition for growing children. Separate chapters address the needs of infants, preschoolers, school-age children, and teenagers. There are lots of child-friendly recipes, and a resources section.

'It's always a treat to

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read Elizabeth Taylor.
Mossy Trotter is a real
gem. A delightfully
mischievous boy living in
those long-ago halcyon
days when children played
out all day, roaming
commons, scavenging on
rubbish tips and stamping
in newly-laid tar'

JACQUELINE WILSON 'We -
that is, Herbert and I -
want you, Mossy, to be our
page-boy,' Miss Silkin
said, staring hard at
Mossy again, as if she
were trying to imagine him
dressed up, and with his
hair combed. Mossy went
very red, and nearly

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choked on a piece of cake, and Selwyn laughed, and went on laughing, as if he had just heard the funniest joke of all his life. They both knew what being a page-boy meant. One of the boys at school - one of the very youngest ones - had had to be one, wearing velvet trousers and a frilled blouse.' When Mossy moves to the country, life is full of delights - trees to climb, woods to explore and, best of all, the marvellous dump to rummage through. But every now and then his happiness is disturbed -

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chiefly by his mother's
meddling friend, Miss
Silkin. And a dreaded
event casts a shadow over
even the sunniest of days
- being a page-boy at her
wedding. In her only
children's book, Elizabeth
Taylor perfectly captures
the temptations, confusion
and terrors of a
mischievous boy, and just
how illogical, frustrating
and inconsistent adults
are!

We need a new philosophy
of the earth. Geological
time used to refer to slow
and gradual processes, but
today we are watching land

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sink into the sea and forests transform into deserts. We can even see the creation of new geological strata made of plastic, chicken bones, and other waste that could remain in the fossil record for millennia or longer. Crafting a philosophy of geology that rewrites natural and human history from the broader perspective of movement, Thomas Nail provides a new materialist, kinetic ethics of the earth that speaks to this moment. Climate change and other ecological disruptions

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challenge us to reconsider the deep history of minerals, atmosphere, plants, and animals and to take a more process-oriented perspective that sees humanity as part of the larger cosmic and terrestrial drama of mobility and flow. Building on his earlier work on the philosophy of movement, Nail argues that we should shift our biocentric emphasis from conservation to expenditure, flux, and planetary diversity. Theory of the Earth urges us to rethink our ethical

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relationship to one another, the planet, and the cosmos at large. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS REVIEWS In a memoir of family bonding and cutting-edge physics for readers of Brian Greene's *The Hidden Reality* and Jim Holt's *Why Does the World Exist?*, Amanda Geffer tells the story of how she conned her way into a career as a science journalist—and wound up hanging out, talking shop, and butting heads with the world's most brilliant minds. At a Chinese

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restaurant outside of Philadelphia, a father asks his fifteen-year-old daughter a deceptively simple question: "How would you define nothing?" With that, the girl who once tried to fail geometry as a conscientious objector starts reading up on general relativity and quantum mechanics, as she and her dad embark on a life-altering quest for the answers to the universe's greatest mysteries. Before Amanda Geffer became an accomplished science

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writer, she was a twenty-one-year-old magazine assistant willing to sneak her and her father, Warren, into a conference devoted to their physics hero, John Wheeler. Posing as journalists, Amanda and Warren met Wheeler, who offered them cryptic clues to the nature of reality: The universe is a self-excited circuit, he said. And, The boundary of a boundary is zero. Baffled, Amanda and Warren vowed to decode the phrases—and with them, the enigmas of existence. When we solve all that, they agreed,

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we'll write a book.

Trespassing on Einstein's
Lawn is that book, a
memoir of the impassioned
hunt that takes Amanda and
her father from New York
to London to Los Alamos.
Along the way, they bump
up against quirky science
and even quirker
personalities, including
Leonard Susskind, the
former Bronx plumber who
invented string theory; Ed
Witten, the soft-spoken
genius who coined the
enigmatic M-theory; even
Stephen Hawking. What they
discover is extraordinary:
the beginnings of a

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monumental paradigm shift in cosmology, from a single universe we all share to a splintered reality in which each observer has her own. Reality, the Gefters learn, is radically observer-dependent, far beyond anything of which Einstein or the founders of quantum mechanics ever dreamed—with shattering consequences for our understanding of the universe's origin. And somehow it all ties back to that conversation, to that Chinese restaurant, and to the true meaning of

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nothing. Throughout their journey, Amanda struggles to make sense of her own life—as her journalism career transforms from illusion to reality, as she searches for her voice as a writer, as she steps from a universe shared with her father to at last carve out one of her own. It's a paradigm shift you might call growing up. By turns hilarious, moving, irreverent, and profound, *Trespassing on Einstein's Lawn* weaves together story and science in remarkable ways. By the end, you will never look at the universe

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the same way again. Praise
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book. Wow. Reading it, I
alternated between
depression—how could the
rest of us science writers
ever match this?—and
exhilaration."—*Scientific
American* "To Do: Read
*Trespassing on Einstein's
Lawn*. Reality doesn't have
to bite."—New York "A zany
superposition of genres .
. . It's at once a coming-
of-age chronicle and a
father-daughter road trip
to the far reaches of this
universe and 10,500

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and present, it is supposed,
and then there are
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unengaged with the world.
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purpose, mathematics has
served not just as a way to
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also as a foundation for the
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papers are gathered
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reader to compare different viewpoints and cultural approaches. Most of the papers confront, directly or indirectly, the objectivity problem, taking into account the positions of the founders of QM or more recent developments. More specifically, the technical papers in the book pay special attention to the interpretation of the experiments on Bell's inequalities and to decoherence theory, but topics on unsharp QM, the consistent-history approach, quantum probability and alternative

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