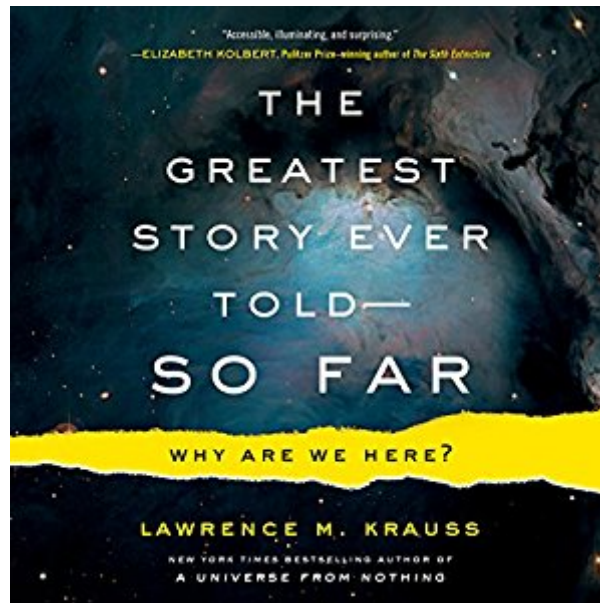


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The Greatest Story Ever Told - So Far: Why Are We Here?



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Internationally renowned, award-winning theoretical physicist, New York Times bestselling author of *A Universe from Nothing*, and passionate advocate for reason, Lawrence Krauss tells the dramatic story of the discovery of the hidden world of reality - a grand poetic vision of nature - and how we find our place within it. In the beginning there was light. But more than this, there was gravity. After that, all hell broke loose...In *A Universe from Nothing*, Krauss revealed how our entire universe could arise from nothing. Now, he reveals what that something - reality - is. And, reality is not what we think or sense - it's weird, wild, and counterintuitive; it's hidden beneath everyday experience; and its inner workings seem even stranger than the idea that something can come from nothing. In a landmark, unprecedented work of scientific history, Krauss leads us to the furthest reaches of space and time, to scales so small they are invisible to microscopes, to the birth and rebirth of light, and into the natural forces that govern our existence. His unique blend of rigorous research and engaging storytelling invites us into the lives and minds of the remarkable, creative scientists who have helped to unravel the unexpected fabric of reality - with reason rather than superstition and dogma. Krauss has himself been an active participant in this effort, and he knows many of them well. *The Greatest Story* challenges us to re-envision ourselves and our place within the universe, as it appears that "God" does play dice with the universe. In the incisive style of his scintillating essays for *The New Yorker*, Krauss celebrates the greatest intellectual adventure ever undertaken - to understand why we are here in a universe where fact is stranger than fiction.

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In *The Greatest Story Ever Told-So Far*, Lawrence Krauss draws upon religious and philosophical imagery, dating back to biblical times, to present the fascinating story of how modern physics emerged. Krauss cleverly organizes the book's sections to resemble biblical teaching, replete with illustrative quotes from scripture, while emphasizing how humanity has made the most progress by examining the natural, rather than invoking the supernatural. Each chapter of the book builds upon the previous ones to show how physics has advanced from the theories of Newton, Faraday, and Maxwell, onward to Einstein and quantum physics, and finally to contemporary particle physics, with its emphasis on symmetry principles. Krauss shows how the cathedral-like detectors of the Large Hadron Collider are being used in various collision experiments to try to complete the canon of scientific knowledge about the quantum world. His prose is clear throughout the book, with diagrams nicely complementing the text. All in all, a unique introduction to modern physical theory, showing that science can be as literary and compelling as ancient verse.-Paul Halpern, author of *The Quantum Labyrinth: How Richard Feynman and John Wheeler Revolutionized Time and Reality*

Amazing story told by an amazing writer, scientist, and educator. Professor Krauss takes incredibly complicated science and conveys it in a way that anyone can understand. Anyone with a love of science or the history of science will enjoy this book.

Learned a lot. Great review of Theoretical Physics.

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95% of the book was in explaining the Evolution of Physics in a language that is extremely difficult to comprehend for a reader with mediocre knowledge of academic physics. However, I enjoyed the sound and meticulous approach Dr. Lawrence has followed. I believe he should have elaborated more deeply in answering the question of all questions, i.e. Why are we here ?

Awesome writer

Excellent title! A nice waft of sanity in a world still dominated by the earlier version of TGSET.

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