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Since his first appearance over sixty years ago, Mr Tompkins has become known and loved by many thousands of readers as the bank clerk whose fantastic dreams and adventures lead him into a world inside the atom. George Gamow's classic provides a delightful explanation of the central concepts in modern physics, from atomic structure to relativity, and quantum theory to fusion and fission. Roger Penrose's foreword introduces Mr Tompkins to a new generation of readers and reviews his adventures in light of recent developments in physics.

Richard P. Feynman was all these and more. Perfectly Reasonable Deviations From the Beaten Track—collecting over forty years' worth of Feynman's letters—offers an unprecedented look at the writer and thinker whose scientific mind and lust for life made him a legend in his own time. Containing missives to and from such scientific luminaries as Victor Weisskopf, Stephen Wolfram, James Watson, and Edward Teller, as well as a remarkable selection of letters to and from fans, students, family, and people from around the world eager for Feynman's advice and counsel, Perfectly Reasonable Deviations From the Beaten Track not only illuminates the personal relationships that underwrote the key developments in modern science, but also forms the most intimate look at Feynman yet available. Feynman was a man many felt close to but few really knew, and this collection reveals the full wisdom and private passion of a personality that captivated everyone it touched. Perfectly Reasonable Deviations From the Beaten Track is an eloquent testimony to the virtue of approaching the world with an inquiring eye; it demonstrates the full extent of the Feynman legacy like never before. Edited and with additional commentary by his daughter Michelle, it's a must-read for Feynman fans everywhere, and for anyone seeking to better understand one of the towering figures—and defining personalities—of the twentieth century.

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"Glorious."
—Wall Street Journal Rescued from obscurity, Feynman's Lost Lecture is a blessing for all Feynman followers. Most know Richard Feynman for the hilarious anecdotes and exploits in his best-selling books "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" and "What Do You Care What Other People Think?" But not always obvious in those stories was his brilliance as a pure scientist—one of the century's greatest physicists. With this book and CD, we hear the voice of the great Feynman in all his ingenuity, insight, and acumen for argument. This breathtaking lecture—"The Motion of the Planets Around the Sun"—uses nothing more advanced than high-school geometry to explain why the planets orbit the sun elliptically rather than in perfect circles, and conclusively demonstrates the astonishing fact that has mystified and intrigued thinkers since Newton: Nature obeys mathematics.

David and Judith Goodstein give us a beautifully written short memoir of life with Feynman, provide meticulous commentary on the lecture itself, and relate the exciting story of their effort to chase down one of Feynman's most original and scintillating lectures. Richard P. Feynman made profoundly important and prescient contributions to the physics of computing, notably with his seminal articles ?There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom? and ?Simulating Physics with Computers.? These two provocative papers (both reprinted in this volume) anticipated, decades before their time, several breakthroughs that have since become fields of science in their own right, such as nanotechnology and the newest, perhaps most exciting area of physics and computer science, quantum computing. The contributors to this book are all distinguished physicists and computer scientists, and many of them were guest lecturers in Feynman's famous CalTech course on the limits of computers. They include Charles Bennett on Quantum Information Theory, Geoffrey Fox on Internets, Norman Margolus on Crystalline Computation, and Tommaso Toffoli on the Fungibility of Computation. Both a tribute to Feynman and a new exploration of the limits of computers by some of today's most influential scientists, Feynman and Computation continues the pioneering work started by Feynman and published by him in his own Lectures on Computation. This new computation volume consists of both original chapters and reprints of classic papers by leaders in the field. Feynman and Computation will generate great interest from the scientific community and provide essential background for further work in this field.

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"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand."
—Randy Pausch A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy? When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave—"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"—wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living. In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.

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The New York Times best-selling sequel to "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" One of the greatest physicists of the twentieth century, Richard Feynman possessed an unquenchable thirst for adventure and an unparalleled ability to tell the stories of his life. "What Do You Care What Other People Think?" is Feynman's last literary legacy, prepared with his friend and fellow drummer, Ralph Leighton. Among its many tales—some funny, others intensely moving—we meet Feynman's first wife, Arlene, who taught him of love's irrecusable mystery as she lay dying in a hospital bed while he worked nearby on the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. We are also given a fascinating narrative of the investigation of the space shuttle Challenger's explosion in 1986, and we relive the moment when Feynman revealed the disaster's cause by an elegant experiment: dropping a ring of rubber into a glass of cold water and pulling it out, misshapen.

By the year 2020, the basic memory components of a computer will be the size of individual atoms. At such scales, the current theory of computation will become invalid. "Quantum computing" is reinventing the foundations of computer science and information theory in a way that is consistent with quantum physics - the most accurate model of reality currently known. Remarkably, this theory predicts that quantum computers can perform certain tasks breathtakingly faster than classical computers - and, better yet, can accomplish mind-boggling feats such as teleporting information, breaking supposedly "unbreakable" codes,
generating true random numbers, and communicating with messages that betray the presence of eavesdropping. This widely
anticipated second edition of Explorations in Quantum Computing explains these burgeoning developments in simple terms, and
describes the key technological hurdles that must be overcome to make quantum computers a reality. This easy-to-read, time-
tested, and comprehensive textbook provides a fresh perspective on the capabilities of quantum computers, and supplies readers
with the tools necessary to make their own foray into this exciting field. Topics and features: concludes each chapter with
exercises and a summary of the material covered; provides an introduction to the basic mathematical formalism of quantum
computing, and the quantum effects that can be harnessed for non-classical computation; discusses the concepts of quantum
gates, entangling power, quantum circuits, quantum Fourier, wavelet, and cosine transforms, and quantum universality,
computability, and complexity; examines the potential applications of quantum computers in areas such as search, code-breaking,
solving NP-Complete problems, quantum simulation, quantum chemistry, and mathematics; investigates the uses of quantum
information, including quantum teleportation, superdense coding, quantum data compression, quantum cloning, quantum negation,
and quantum cryptography; reviews the advancements made towards practical quantum computers, covering developments in
quantum error correction and avoidance, and alternative models of quantum computation. This text/reference is ideal for anyone
wishing to learn more about this incredible, perhaps "ultimate," computer revolution. Dr. Colin P. Williams is Program Manager for
Advanced Computing Paradigms at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, and CEO of Xtreme
Energetics, Inc. an advanced solar energy company. Dr. Williams has taught quantum computing and quantum information theory
as an acting Associate Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University. He has spent over a decade inspiring and leading
high technology teams and building business relationships with and Silicon Valley companies. Today his interests include
terrestrial and Space-based power generation, quantum computing, cognitive computing, computational material design,
visualization, artificial intelligence, evolutionary computing, and remote offaction. He was formerly a Research Scientist at Xerox
PARC and a Research Assistant to Prof. Stephen W. Hawking, Cambridge University.
Perseus Publishing is proud to announce the latest volumes in its series of recorded lectures by the late Richard P. Feynman,
lectures originally delivered to his physics students at Caltech and later fashioned by the author into his classic textbook Lectures
on Physics. Volume 17 (Feynman on Electroynamics) contains sections on AC circuits, cavity resonators, waveguides, Lorentz
transformations, field energy, and field momentum.
Covering the theory of computation, information and communications, the physical aspects of computation, and the physical limits
of computers, this text is based on the notes taken by one of its editors, Tony Hey, on a lecture course on computation given by
Richard Feynman said late in his career, looking back on the origins of his
lectures. The experiment turned out to be hugely successful, spawning publications that have remained definitive and introductory
to physics for decades. Ranging from the basic principles of Newtonian physics through such formidable theories as general
relativity and quantum mechanics, Feynman's lectures stand as a monument of clear exposition and deep insight. Timeless and
collectible, the lectures are essential reading, not just for students of physics but for anyone seeking an introduction to the field
from the inimitable Feynman.
The Feynman Lectures on Gravitation are based on notes prepared during a course on gravitational physics that Richard
Feynman taught at Caltech during the 1962-63 academic year. For several years prior to these lectures, Feynman
thought long and hard about the fundamental problems in gravitational physics, yet he published very little. These
lectures represent a useful record of his viewpoints and some of his insights into gravity and its application to cosmology,
superstars, wormholes, and gravitational waves at that particular time. The lectures also contain a number of fascinating
digressions and asides on the foundations of physics and other issues. Characteristically, Feynman took an untraditional
non-geometric approach to gravitation and general relativity based on the underlying quantum aspects of gravity. Hence,
these lectures contain a unique pedagogical account of the development of Einstein's general theory of relativity as the
inevitable result of the demand for a self-consistent theory of a massless spin-2 field (the graviton) coupled to the energy-
momentum tensor of matter. This approach also demonstrates the intimate and fundamental connection between gauge
invariance and the principle of equivalence.
Physics, rather than mathematics, is the focus in this classic graduate lecture note volume on statistical mechanics and
the physics of condensed matter.
Richard P. Feynman (1918–1988) was widely recognized as the most creative physicist of the post–World War II period.
His career was extraordinarily expansive. From his contributions to the development of the atomic bomb a Los Alamos
during World War II to his work in quantum electrodynamics, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1965,
Feynman was celebrated for his brilliant and irreverent approach to physics. It was Feynman's outrageous and
scintillating method of teaching that earned him legendary status among students and professors of physics. From
1961–1963, Feynman, at the California Institute of Technology, delivered a series of lectures that revolutionized the
teaching of physics around the world. Six Easy Pieces, taken from the famous Lectures on Physics, represents the most
accessible material from this series. In these six chapters, Feynman introduces the general reader to the following topics:
atoms, basic physics, the relationship of physics to other topics, energy, gravitation, and quantum force. With his dazzling
and inimitable wit, Feynman presents each discussion without equations or technical jargon. Readers will remember
how—using ice water and rubber—Feynman demonstrated with stunning simplicity to a nationally televised audience the
physics of the 1986 Challenger disaster. It is precisely this ability—the clear and direct illustration of complex theories—that
made Richard Feynman one of the most distinguished educators in the world. Filled with wonderful examples and clever
illustrations, Six Easy Pieces is the ideal introduction to the fundamentals of physics by one of the most admired and
accessible scientists of our time.
When, in 1984?86, Richard P. Feynman gave his famous course on computation at the California Institute of Technology,
he asked Tony Hey to adapt his lecture notes into a book. Although led by Feynman, the course also featured, as
occasional guest speakers, some of the most brilliant men in science at that time, including Marvin Minsky, Charles
Bennett, and John Hopfield. Although the lectures are now thirteen years old, most of the material is timeless and
presents a ?Feynmanesque? overview of many standard and some not-so-standard topics in computer science such as reversible logic gates and quantum computers.

When does physics depart the realm of testable hypothesis and come to resemble theology? Peter Woit argues that string theory isn't just going in the wrong direction, it's not even science. Not Even Wrong shows that what many physicists call superstring "theory" is not a theory at all. It makes no predictions, not even wrong ones, and this very lack of falsifiability is what has allowed the subject to survive and flourish. Peter Woit explains why the mathematical conditions for progress in physics are entirely absent from superstring theory today, offering the other side of the story. Quantum computers are set to kick-start a second computing revolution in an exciting and intriguing way. Learning to program a Quantum Processing Unit (QPU) is not only fun and exciting, but it's a way to get your foot in the door. Like learning any kind of programming, the best way to proceed is by getting your hands dirty and diving into code. This practical book uses publicly available quantum computing engines, clever notation, and a programmer's mindset to get you started. You'll be able to build up the intuition, skills, and tools needed to start writing quantum programs and solve problems that you care about.

Feynman Simplified Part 1 gives mere mortals access to Volume 1 of the fabled Feynman Lectures, and explores key discoveries of the subsequent 50 years. Topics include: What are Science & Physics?; Atoms, Matter & Energy; Newton's Laws of Motion & Gravity; Einstein's Special Relativity; the Physics of Light; Harmonic Oscillation & Waves; Thermodynamics, & much more.

This classic work presents the main results and calculational procedures of quantum electrodynamics in a simple and straightforward way. Designed for the student of experimental physics who does not intend to take more advanced graduate courses in theoretical physics, the material consists of notes on the third of a three-semester course given at the California Institute of Technology. Celebrated for its brilliantly quirky insights into the physical world, Nobel laureate Richard Feynman also possessed an extraordinary talent for explaining difficult concepts to the general public. Here Feynman provides a classic and definitive introduction to QED (namely, quantum electrodynamics), that part of quantum field theory describing the interactions of light with charged particles. Using everyday language, spatial concepts, visualizations, and his renowned "Feynman diagrams" instead of advanced mathematics, Feynman clearly and humorously communicates both the substance and spirit of QED to the layperson. A. Zee's introduction places Feynman's book and his seminal contribution to QED in historical context and further highlights Feynman's unique appealing and illuminating style.

What is the role and meaning of probability in physical theory, in particular in two of the most successful theories of our age, quantum physics and statistical mechanics? Laws once conceived as universal and deterministic, such as Newton's laws of motion, or the second law of thermodynamics, are replaced in these theories by inherently probabilistic laws. This collection of essays by some of the world's foremost experts presents an in-depth analysis of the meaning of probability in contemporary physics. Among the questions addressed are: How are probabilities defined? Are they objective or subjective? What is their explanatory value? What are the differences between quantum and classical probabilities? The result is an informative and thought-provoking book for the scientifically inquisitive.

This collection from scientist and Nobel Peace Prize winner highlights the achievements of a man whose career reshaped the world's understanding of quantum electrodynamics. The Pleasure of Finding Things Out is a magnificent treasury of the best short works of Richard P. Feynman—from interviews and speeches to lectures and printed articles. A sweeping, wide-ranging collection, it presents an intimate and fascinating view of a life in science—a life like no other. From his ruminations on science in our culture to his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, this book will fascinate anyone interested in the world of ideas. Selected articles on quantum chemistry, classical and quantum electrodynamics, path integrals and operator calculus, liquid helium, quantum gravity and computer theory.

"A printed eulogy of one of the most interesting and creative physicists of our time...The reader gets fascinating first-person accounts from eminent physicists qua ardent admirers of one who will forever be remembered in the pages of physics." Choice Prominent physicists such as John Wheeler, Freeman Dyson, Hans Bethe, Julian Schwinger, Murray Gell-Mann, David Pines, and others offer intimate reminiscences of their colleague and perceptive explanations of Feynman's trailblazing work. These essays uncover the precocious undergraduate, the young scholar at Cornell, the theoretician in his prime at Caltech, and the mature teacher and mentor. Highlighting both the charm and brilliance of Feynman, "Most of the Good Stuff" is an engaging collection for enthusiasts—scientists and nonscientists alike—awed and entertained by one of the century's greatest minds.

Many appreciate Richard P. Feynman's contributions to twentieth-century physics, but few realize how engaged he was with the world around him—how deeply and thoughtfully he considered the religious, political, and social issues of his day. Now, a wonderful book—based on a previously unpublished, three-part public lecture he gave at the University of Washington in 1963—shows us this other side of Feynman, as he expounds on the inherent conflict between science and religion, people's distrust of politicians, and our universal fascination with flying saucers, faith healing, and mental telepathy. Here we see Feynman in top form: nearly bursting into a Navajo war chant, then pressing for an overhaul of the English language (if you want to know why Johnny can't read, just look at the spelling of "friend"); and, finally, ruminating on the death of his first wife from tuberculosis. This is quintessential Feynman—reflective, amusing, and ever enlightening.

No twentieth-century American scientist is better known to a wider spectrum of people than Richard P. Feynman (1918-1988)--physicist, teacher, author, and cultural icon. His autobiographies and biographies have been read and enjoyed by millions of readers around the world, while his wit and eccentricities have made him the subject of TV specials and even a theatrical film. The spectacular reception of the book and audio versions of Feynman's Six Easy Pieces (published in 1995) resulted in a worldwide clamor for "More Feynman! More Feynman!" The outcome is these six additional lectures, drawn from the celebrated three-volume Lectures on Physics. Though slightly more challenging than the first six, these lectures are more focused, delving into the most revolutionary discovery in twentieth-century physics: Einstein's Theory of Relativity. No single breakthrough in twentieth-century physics (with the possible exception of quantum mechanics) changed our view of the world more than that of Einstein's discovery of relativity. The notions that the flow of time is not a constant, that the mass of an object depends on its velocity, and that the speed of light is a constant no matter what the motion of the observer, at first seemed shocking to scientists and laymen alike. But, as Feynman shows so clearly and so entertainingly in the lectures chosen for this volume, these crazy notions are no mere dry principles of physics, but are things of beauty and elegance. No one -- not even Einstein himself -- explained these difficult, anti-intuitive concepts more clearly, or with more verve and gusto, than Richard Feynman.

An omnibus edition of classic adventure tales by the Nobel Prize-winning physicist includes his exchanges with Einstein and Bohr, ideas about gambling with Nick the Greek, and solution to the Challenger disaster, in a volume complemented by an hour-long audio CD of his 1978 "Los Alamos from Below" lecture.
A series of classic lectures, delivered in 1960 and recorded for the BBC. This is Feynman's unique take on the problems and puzzles that lie at the heart of physical theory - with Newton's Law of Gravitation; on whether time can ever go backwards; on maths as the supreme language of nature. Demonstrates Feynman's knack of finding the right everyday illustration to bring out the essence of a complicated principle - eg brilliant analogy between the law of conservation energy and the problem of drying yourself with wet towels. 'Feynman's style inspired a generation of scientists. This volume remains the best record I know of his exhilarating vision' - Paul Davies

One of the most famous science books of our time, the phenomenal national bestseller that "buzzes with energy, anecdote and life. It almost makes you want to become a physicist" (Science Digest). Richard P. Feynman, winner of the Nobel Prize in physics, thrived on outrageous adventures. In this lively work that "can shatter the stereotype of the stuffy scientist" (Detroit Free Press), Feynman recounts his experiences trading ideas on atomic physics with Einstein and cracking the uncrackable safes guarding the most deeply held nuclear secrets—and much more of an eyebrow-raising nature. In his stories, Feynman's life shines through in all its eccentric glory—a combustible mixture of high intelligence, unlimited curiosity, and raging chutzpah. Included for this edition is a new introduction by Bill Gates.

This second edition is ideal for classical mechanics courses for first- and second-year undergraduates with foundation skills in mathematics.

A treasure-trove of illuminating and entertaining quotations from beloved physicist Richard P. Feynman "Some people say, 'How can you live without knowing?' I do not know what they mean. I always live without knowing. That is easy. How you get to know is what I want to know."—Richard P. Feynman Nobel Prize—winning physicist Richard P. Feynman (1918–88) was that rarest of creatures—a towering scientific genius who could make himself understood by anyone and who became as famous for the wit and wisdom of his popular lectures and writings as for his fundamental contributions to science. The Quotable Feynman is a treasure-trove of this revered and beloved scientist's most profound, provocative, humorous, and memorable quotations on a wide range of subjects. Carefully selected by Richard Feynman's daughter, Michelle Feynman, from his spoken and written legacy, including interviews, lectures, letters, articles, and books, the quotations are arranged under two dozen topics—from art, childhood, discovery, family, imagination, and humor to mathematics, politics, science, religion, and uncertainty. These brief passages—about 500 in all—vividly demonstrate Feynman's astonishing yet playful intelligence, and his almost constitutional inability to be anything other than unconventional, engaging, and inspiring. The result is a unique, illuminating, and enjoyable portrait of Feynman's life and thought that will be cherished by his fans at the same time that it provides an ideal introduction to Feynman for readers new to this intriguing and important thinker. The book features a foreword in which physicist Brian Cox pays tribute to Feynman and describes how his words reveal his particular genius, a piece in which cellist Yo-Yo Ma shares his memories of Feynman and reflects on his enduring appeal, and a personal preface by Michelle Feynman. It also includes some previously unpublished quotations, a chronology of Richard Feynman's life, some twenty photos of Feynman, and a section of memorable quotations about Feynman from other notable figures. Features: Approximately 500 quotations, some of them previously unpublished, arranged by topic A foreword by Brian Cox, reflections by Yo-Yo Ma, and a preface by Michelle Feynman A chronology of Feynman's life Some twenty photos of Feynman A section of quotations about Feynman from other notable figures Some notable quotations of Richard P. Feynman: "The thing that doesn't fit is the most interesting." "Thinking is nothing but talking to yourself inside." "It is wonderful if you can find something you love to do in your youth which is big enough to sustain your interest through all your adult life. Because, whatever it is, if you do it well enough (and you will, if you truly love it), people will pay you to do what you want to do anyway." "I'd hate to die twice. It's so boring."

Feynman's Tips on Physics is a delightful collection of Richard P. Feynman's insights and an essential companion to his legendary Feynman Lectures on Physics With characteristic flair, insight, and humor, Feynman discusses topics physics students often struggle with and offers valuable tips on addressing them. Included here are three lectures on problem-solving and a lecture on inertial guidance omitted from The Feynman Lectures on Physics. An enlightening memoir by Matthew Sands and oral history interviews with Feynman and his Caltech colleagues provide firsthand accounts of the origins of Feynman's landmark lecture series. Also included are incisive and illuminating exercises originally developed to supplement The Feynman Lectures on Physics, by Robert B. Leighton and Rochus E. Vogt. Feynman's Tips on Physics was co-authored by Michael A. Gottlieb and Ralph Leighton to provide students, teachers, and enthusiasts alike an opportunity to learn physics from some of its greatest teachers, the creators of The Feynman Lectures on Physics.

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