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For the millions of readers of the international bestseller A Brief History of Time (with 3 million copies in print), this companion volume sheds more light on Stephen Hawking and his major scientific theories. Based on an exciting new documentary film. 100 photographs, diagrams and computerized graphics.

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# From Reader Review Stephen Hawking's a Brief History of Time: A Reader's Companion for online ebook

## Baljit says

v readable for such serious scientific theories and data. Brought back memories of some of the physics lessons covered in schools but as i set out reading this for pleasure, i have not committed anything to memory. the glossary at the end will be usefule for anyone looking for precise definitions of terms eg black hole, electromagnetc forces.

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## John Bonilla says

Magnífico. No será el verdadero libro de "Una breve historia del tiempo" sino más bien una síntesis de lo que en verdad es el trabajo de Hawking. Abre la mente a nuevos conceptos y analogías del universo que no son tan fáciles de comprender a simple razonamiento.

Aunque el capitulo 4 fue el más pesado de leer por lo mismo que incluye mucha terminología científica y aspectos abstractos que uno no se puede imaginar con la contaminación visual a la que estamos sometidos, pero es el mejor ya que explica en grandes rasgos como es la teoría del inicio del tiempo (y no del univeros).

Me gusta leer este tipo de publicaciones porque hace abrir más las perspectiva de como es el universo en el que vivimos realmente y, como dice en el libro, no bastarnos con que Dios es la única respuesta a las preguntas difíciles o complicadas de formular, todo tiene su explicación pero aún nos falta mucho para poder entender como funciona o como hacemos que funciones el universo.

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## Matt says

"Galileo wrote books. Newton wrote books. Stephen Hawking wrote books. A thousand years from now people would look back at Hawking standing in is rightful place among the greatest scientists in the history of the world. The book is a laypersons guide to the complex theories underlying modern astrophysics. My copy is old but there are newly updated editions."

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## Mina Villalobos says

Well, I was kind of pissed because the Spanish edition I have of this has the book cover and back cover of 'A Brief History of Time', but is actually the reader's companion. I didn't think I would like this much, but I have to admit it was pretty fast reading and fairly interesting. This details not only part of A Brief History of Time (or what I think the book covers, I have yet to read it) but also is sort of biographic for Stephen Hawking, with narrations from his family, teachers and friends. It's very humane and you get to read about some of the people that helped such a brilliant mind along the way. I have never seen the film, but the book was very enjoyable.

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**Dr. Thomas Wasser says**

Excellent book, written in a way that an educated, non-physicist can comprehend. I recommend it for anyone with an interest in physics. I'm a Statistician that has an interest to know more and this book was perfect.

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**Judith says**

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!  
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/13483650>

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**Dirk says**

This is basically just a transcript of the Errol Morris film based on Hawking's book of the same name. It seems clearer when read but since I have yet to read the original version I have nothing to compare it to but the film. Hawking states in the forward "I don't know yet if there are plans to make a film of the book of the film of the book".

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**Pete Guion says**

A nice introduction to Relativity and special physics for the non-mathematical.

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**alina sultani says**

i am just reading it 4 the first time  
instead of psychological buks .

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**Trippyalice says**

LOVE IT! I learned so much about Universe, Black Holes and Thermodynamics that I never knew before. Great illustrations, very interesting. I like the coffee cup one about the universe contracting into a big crunch. Thankyou, Stephen Hawking for writing such a fine piece of his work in which anyone can understand. I got a free visitor pass to The Huntington Library in San Marino, CA for submitting a small summary of what this book is about in my local library reading program :)

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## **Pat Mckee says**

Having just seen the movie "Theory of Everything," I had a strong interest in learning more about Hawking and in reading his book Brief History of Time. Starting with this reader's companion was ideal as it contained a number of brief interviews with people who have been connected with Hawking throughout his life, including his mother and sister. He becomes an even more "real" person through their comments and discussions.

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## **Lwf says**

I've always been interesting in how Mr. Hawkings has survived so long with ALS so when my husband brought this book home from the thrift store, I started reading it immediately. It began as a quick, easy read. About chapter 4, it started going into theories of relativity. I'm not a science wiz but actually liked reading what all this was about. Yes, it was just about in everyday English so I did get the gist of it all. I could have finished this in one day. Will probably finish it tonight.

OK, now I have finished reading this and still feel the same. The book started out very easy almost too easy to read but then went into all the theories so I'm glad I read this to learn something new!

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## **Randy Garry says**

I did not grasp all of it. I wouldn't believe anyone who says they did. It did "expand my mind" and I certainly gained some understanding of cosmology.

But the set up of the book was tiresome with all it's short passages by different contributors, Hawking's included. I wish I had just read "A Brief History of Time" instead. That's what I would recommend to anyone considering this book.

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## **Ashley Marie says**

This book was such a good read. it was a great understanding of his conclusions and work. It was also sad to read about his disease and how difficult things came to be for him. In the end, he is a brilliant scientist.

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## **Nabeel Tahir says**

For those interested in reading about Black Holes, space, time and it's relation to gravity or you watched Interstellar and want to understand what happened, this is the book for you.

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