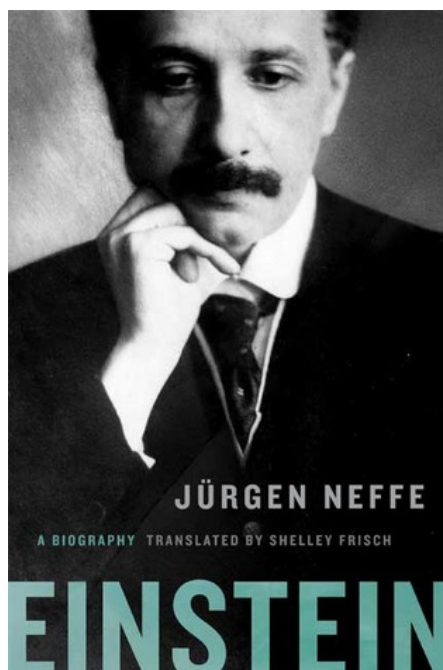




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John says

this one's gonna take a while.

Kerem says

Not only the story of an amazing scientific mind but also of the 'human Einstein' -- with his flaws, mistakes and his strong political stand for freedom. Parts of the book goes through his science and tries to reflect on his thought process (using lots of interesting sources), which is quite interesting to read and to guess how his mind worked. There is also quite a bit of history around his life, including his fascinating forecasts about Hitler/Nazis and the future with nuclear bombs. This is a book definitely worth reading.

Ross says

Good: Einstein is an interesting and fascinating character, and this book covers all parts of his life, organised thematically.

Bad: A tough book to get through. Often felt very tedious. Relieved to get it over with.

Tandy says

A great bio with new info.

Brendan says

I read through the first half of this book before I decided I was satisfied enough to put it down. That first half got me a lot of good information. However, the book was taking too long to read and it was time for me to move onto other things in my life.

The book was organized by aspects of Einstein's life instead of chronologically. For example, there was a chapter that was dedicated to his relationship with his children. What this lead to was a lot of things being hinted at in previous chapters until the author had time to devote to them. It also meant that each chapter was a mini biography in chronological order of Einstein's life. A lot of ideas were repeated and that bogged me down a little bit.

I might pick it up again some day and finish it, but probably not. I'm not currently left wondering about any parts of his life and don't really see what the last 200 pages would add that would make it worth the read for my idle curiosity of Einstein's life.

Marcos Oliveira says

Uma boa biografia, mas se as vezes o fato de não estar em ordem cronológica, e sim por temas, ajuda a entender melhor a situação, em certos temas fica extremamente cansativo pois não conseguimos lembrar de tudo que aconteceu para chegar até ali.

E também, alguns temas podem ser considerados bem chatinhos, e focar 30-50 páginas nele, pode as vezes desestimular a leitura.

Martin Schimak says

I once again discovered some patterns in Einsteins life:

- "Geniuses" do not exist actually - even Einstein is just another very smart guy who happened to have fitting basic skills - but exactly at the right time and exactly on the right place.
 - The "right place" for real important scientific progress happens to be outside the scientific institutions - I would go so far to think that Einstein would not have come to his paradigm-changing conclusions if he had succeeded in finding a job as University Assistant before 1905. He would have found himself working on less challenging topics and ghostwriting book chapters about topics his professor would have been involved in.
 - The difference between Einstein and other extraordinary 20th century physicists? Not so many differences, but: he was born with a perfect "trademark" as surname - and became the first scientific media-"star" of the first massmedia-century.
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Ruth says

488 Pages.

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Qrii says

Parts about science and career was catchy. However, I found parts about personal life boring at first. Later I noticed that the author of the book was harsh on protagonist, which made me doubt about how objective the book was. However, from further information given, I understood that Einstein really was kind of a person i would hate as a human being.

Alexandra says

Bei aller Relativitätstheorie sind dem Autor in diesem Werk die Relationen abhandengekommen. Wenn ich eine Wissenschaftsbiografie lesen möchte, dann gibt es bessere populärwissenschaftliche Autoren, die mir die Physikgrundlagen viel verständlicher und spannender erklären können. Auf ca. 300 Seiten werden bis zum Exzess in endlosen Wiederholungen die eh schon bekannte spezielle und allgemeine Relativitätstheorie und ihre Konkurrenztheorien ausgewalzt bis zum letzten Schnipsel der Grundlagen und Bücher, die Einstein gelesen bzw. verwendet hat. Das ist wirklich nicht notwendig! Der klägliche Rest von ca. 150 Seiten und eigentliche Grund, warum man überhaupt eine Biografie liest, wird hingegen extrem spärlich abgehandelt: Der Mensch Einstein (Frauen, politische Einstellung, Umgang mit seinen Kindern, Skrupel, jüdische Identität, Religiosität....) Diese Aspekte haben mir aber wirklich spannende und neue Erkenntnisse beschert.

Weiters ist auch noch der Stil des Autors sehr mühsam. Da er die Kapitel in Themen und nicht chronologisch organisiert hat, springt er ziemlich in den Zeiten herum, unverständlicherweise auch innerhalb der Kapitel.

Fazit ein Teil super, der Rest bekannt und auch noch schlecht beschrieben! Lest die Kapitel 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19 und 20 - die sind es wert, gelesen zu werden!

George Hohbach says

Profound book on Einstein's life and amazing discoveries. Neffe manages to explain the physics behind Einstein's theories of relativity - as well as the concepts of quantum mechanics - in a tangible fashion. It's a pleasure for the reader to think along! Great read!

R?ta says

I would give it 2.5 stars, because it was something between "okay" and "kind of like it". What I liked in this book was getting to know the not-so-glorious side of Einstein. However, some parts of the book were annoying - some dates mentioned in the text did not accord to the dates indicated in the footnotes; some things that I found important were reviewed very superficially, while others - not so significant - got more attention, for example, when talking about the theory of black holes the author of the book emphasized little to do with the topic details about Stephen Hawking, such as that a neuron disease has got him chained to a modern wheelchair and that he can make a computer talk. Wow, magic...

Of course, maybe I'm just too picky.

Pavel Liubart says

Labai gera knyga susipažinti su vienu iš reikšmingiausių visų laikų mokslininkų. Skaitant biografiją neapleidžia jausmas, kiek mažai mes žinome apie mūsų supantį pasaulį ir kiek dar daug reikia nuveikti, kad ji būtų pažinti geriau. Kuo daugiau sužinai ir supranti, tuo daugiau kyla abejonių. Visapusiškai atskleista biografija, kuri neapsiriboja asmeninio gyvenimo detalėmis. Alberto Einšteino biografija pareigoja ir kviečia mokytis, nes kaip yra mūsų perspektyvos pats genijus mokslininkas, jeigu ateities kartos netobulos, tai mus užgrobs velnias.

Chris Dessert says

A lot of the historical information was pure speculation and the physics was just completely wrong. The author pretended that this was not the case. Otherwise, an interesting read about Einstein's life.

Colleenish says

I had to return this book and check it out again to finish it. The reading process was brutal. The author would try to explain things like the theory of general relativity that are way over my head. At the end of several paragraphs, I would think, "Okay. It's like a train that's moving, and means something or other." I also didn't know before that Einstein was such a douche. The chapter about his relationship with his kids broke my heart and colored my view of him in a way that all his brilliance could not change. I have to see that he truly was a unique man who did many wonderful things despite the parts that make his story so sad.

PS The book starts by describing doctors who were stealing body parts from Einstein's corpse. That is what got me hooked.
