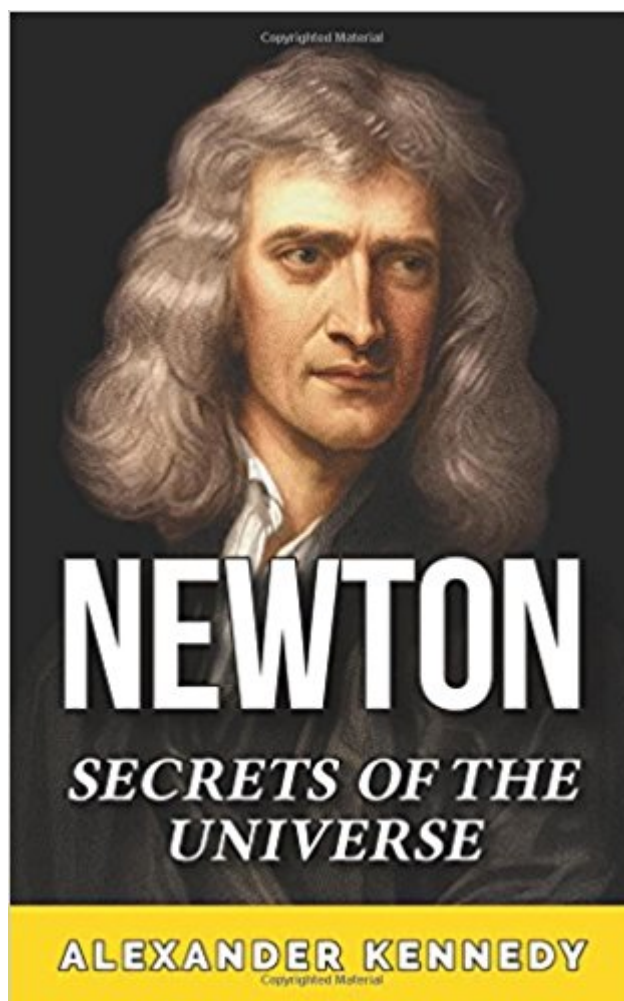


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Are you interested in Newton? If so, than this book is for you. It's for you because just the smallest inkling of interest in Newton should be explored in depth. This book isn't the deepest, but that's fine, because it highlights the most important and interesting things from Newton's life. I would definitely recommend getting into this book and discovering some fascinating things about one of the most unique beings to ever live. Newton has inspired me in countless ways in too many ways to count. Newton is the man you should model your life after and this book will give you the general outline of how Newton spent his hours and how he became the brilliant man that he was. Brilliance is, in face, an understatement. Newton was out of this world. And although this book is a part of the material world, the concepts and descriptions are not. Get into this book and into the mind of a genius.

I wish this book were used when I took history! I learned about Sir Issac Newton in history class like everyone, but I never learned about him the way this book presents him. This book is very well written and easy to follow. The life of this great man from a humble birth through 85 years of struggles and isolation is an astounding story. I loved how he raised himself from being the son of a farmer to knighthood, from a student hungry for knowledge to being the father of science, all while still remaining humble. I think he said it best when he said of himself "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." - Isaac Newton. I would recommend this book to any student of history or mathematics, or just anyone who loves a good biography. I received this product for free or at a discount in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This is the second book I have begun reading in this series and I am so thankful for it. This book, much like the last one I read, is so well written for a biography...and for the biography of a scientist at that! I would really recommend people to read this book if they had to write a paper on Newton or if they are newer scientists wanting to brush up on their history. Sure, you could look up facts on Google, but this author is so great at putting the actual story into perspective. I personally feel like that would help me remember Newton's life more, and that right there is what makes this book worth its money. I did receive this book for a discount in exchange for my honest opinion and am extremely thankful. Big thanks to the seller...I look forward to reading more in this collection!

I found this fascinating. It goes beyond his discovery of gravity by a falling apple from a tree. I've forgotten about his prism experiments, and his formulas on laws of motion. (I hated those formulas in college!) The book is short and well written, no drawn out boring moments. Chapters are concise. I have received this product in exchange for my fair and honest review.

This book about Newton's life was an awesome read. First, not too long, only 91 pages on Kindle, and after I was finally able to understand where to find the book (not an avid Kindle user) I was able to finish it in one sitting. The glimpse of Newton I had before reading was just that, a glimpse. This book is able to inform the reader about Newton from him as a child and his upbringing, all the way up to death. Then after that go more into his workings as a person and a genius with his works to include the debates which did not get resolved until after his death, and by after I mean centuries. Newton was more than just the founder of gravity and the laws of motion, and as I found out, started with learning the sun's paths and the stars. This book was able to bring me, the reader, into his life. It was written in a way which kept me involved with each paragraph and couldn't wait to swipe the screen and find out what was on the next slide. I was able at first to get this book at a discounted fee, but chose to pay the already discounted price it is offered on. It was worth the price, and I do recommend this book so you could see and follow all of Newton's trials growing up and everything he was actually involved with during his lifetime. Newton even being involved in Alchemy, which is now known as chemistry. Newton was a genius, and even gave praise to the ones before him. The read is awesome, and the author did a great job in bringing his history to life. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

I'm not a scientist by trade or by desire. I have heard about these scientists for a long time, but I've never really heard that much about them. That's one thing I've loved about the books by Alexander Kennedy. I've been able to learn so much more about these influential scientists than I ever did before. The book was intriguing and interesting. As always, I love the short, rich format that the books use to highlight the most important points. I would recommend this book to just about anybody. It does a great job of dispelling erroneously held beliefs. A fantastic book.

I thought this was a very interesting book, and I enjoyed reading it. I've read many e-books, and often the horrendous writing &/or total lack of editing and proofreading drives me crazy enough to delete the book without finishing it. That was not the case with this book. Yes, I did note a few errors

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