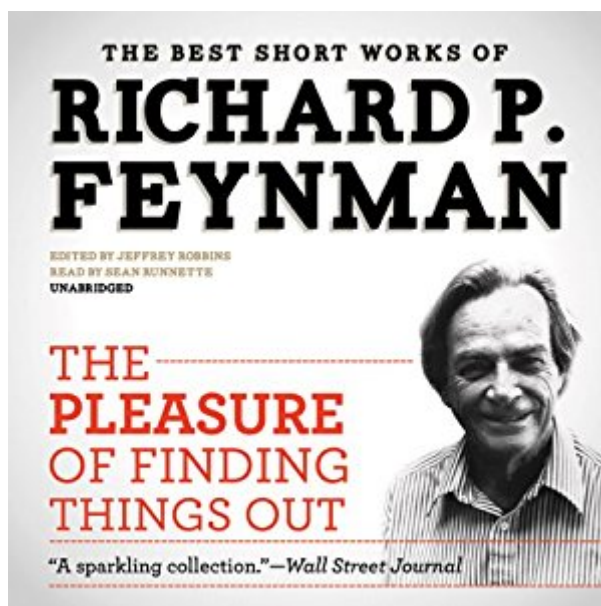


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Richard Feynman was one of the world's greatest physicists and characters. If you have read anything about his life you know that he was irreverent, quirky, odd and an absolute genius of the highest magnitude. This is a fantastic book to understand the power of curiosity. If you want to know how one of the smartest people on the face of the earth approached innovation, creativity and deep thinking - this is an excellent book to read.

A work of brilliance communicated with wit and rationality. This is an excellent sampling of Captain Feynman's short works. Also, the cover is much better than the one pictured here (see photos), and the price here is unbeatable. This is definitely a book you want in your library, and this is certainly the place to buy it.

Actually ordered this by mistake. Meant to order Surely You're Joking.... But it was a happy mistake. Still not a big fan of books made from assorted papers because they just don't flow well. It is much easier to read them when the person is interesting. Some folks are critical of Mr. Feynman's antics over the years. He just seemed playful, curious and refreshingly honest. Most people try to hide their weaknesses, especially those in the sciences. Not him. He openly discussed his quirks and personality flaws. He loved what he did and seemed happy. That showed throughout the book. But he was not refined, cultured or overly full of himself. He cherished his working class upbringing. I found him endearing and funny yet a few of his activities would not have been something that would appeal to me. There was less information on his scientific pursuits and the value of his contributions than I thought there would be still it was a fun read over all.

Can't get enough of reading about this man! A brilliant thinker and a real down to Earth human. Also see the videos of him saying a lot of what is in this book (on YouTube-of course!) so you can see and hear him. I found him quite amazing. His love of learning and enthusiasm is contagious!

Feynman is one of the greatest scientists, life philosophers, human being that has ever lived.

Mostly the written ramblings of Feynman, often heard previously in his many videos/interviews that can be found on You Tube. Lots of his "books" seem to re-presentations of material found almost verbatim in other published works or from interviews/lectures.

If this was the first read of Richard Feynman book, it would be 5 stars. If you if read any of the other books by or about Mr. Feynman you will find many of the chapters were already published and there are a lot of duplicates in this book.

Great for Scientists or Feynman fans. I'm both.

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