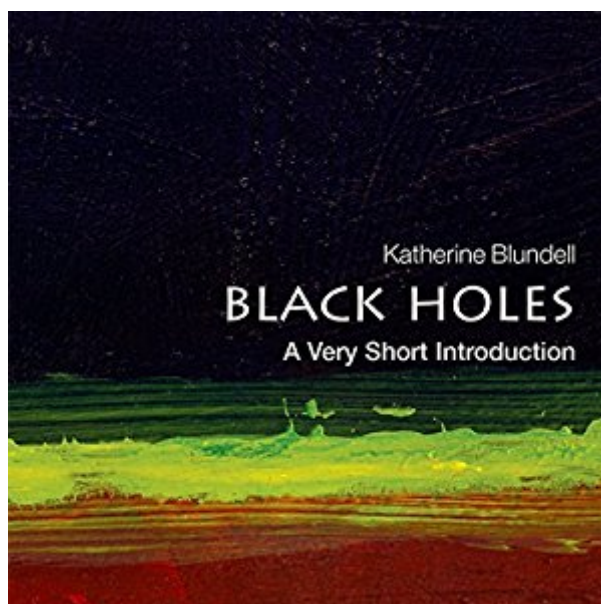


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# Black Holes: A Very Short Introduction



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Black holes are a constant source of fascination to many due to their mysterious nature. This Very Short Introduction addresses a variety of questions, including what a black hole actually is, how they are characterized and discovered, and what would happen if you came too close to one. Professor Katherine Blundell looks at the seemingly paradoxical, mysterious, and intriguing phenomena of black holes. Outlining their nature and characteristics, both those resulting from the spectacular collapse of heavy stars and the giant black holes found at the centres of galaxies, she separates scientific fact from science fiction and demonstrates the important role they play in the cosmos.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a pleasure to read and delightfully short, but it is a bit light on scientific content. It would be ideal for any student who has had one semester of physics, but who would like to learn something about black holes and astronomy. It can be read recreationally, on the beach or on an airplane. Yet, someone with several semesters of physics, including Modern Physics, might discover that they know too high of a percentage of the facts in the book and that would take much (but not all) of the pleasure out of reading it. Last but not least, in the Kindle Edition, the formulas did

not typeset well at all on my Android device. They were almost invisible, written in a far smaller font than the words of the book. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to get the printed version.

This book is about 3/4 over my primitive head, but I enjoyed the exposure of the subject, and I did learn a couple of facts along the way. The disappointment is I would have liked the author to use more examples of what would happen if scenarios. Also size was talked about but only in terms of distance. I can't recall any conjecture on how DEEP they think these things are. Still, it was enjoyable for me, and if you want to know a little more about them it's a good read.

A pretty good review of the current state of knowledge/theory of black holes.

an enjoyable read. it could have used some math, but in all it opened a portal in the event horizon of black holes for us non-astrophysicists.

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