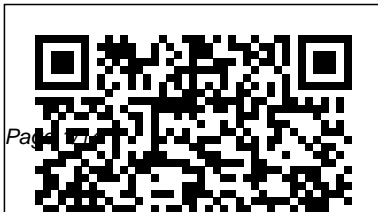

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A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour's dog Wellington

impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The

effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read.

Mad Genius Penguin

On the front of the book jacket, the word "mad" in the title is upside-down and backwards.

King of Infinite Space Penguin

Chronicles the life and times of the lesser-known Information Age intellect, revealing how his discoveries and innovations set the stage for the digital era, influencing the work of such collaborators and rivals as Alan Turing, John von Neumann and Vannevar Bush.

Uncommon Genius

HarperCollins UK
Harlem Renaissance
author Nella Larsen (1891–1964) published just two novels and three short stories in her lifetime, but achieved lasting literary acclaim. Her classic novel *Passing* first appeared in 1926.

The Curious Life of Robert Hooke Oxford University Press
Tag along on this New York Times bestselling “witty, entertaining romp” (*The New York Times Book Review*) as

Eric Winer travels the world, from Athens to Silicon Valley—and back through history, too—to show how creative genius flourishes in specific places at specific times. In this “intellectual odyssey, traveler’s diary, and comic novel all rolled into one” (Daniel Gilbert, author of *Stumbling on Happiness*), acclaimed travel writer Weiner sets out to examine the connection between our

surroundings and our most innovative ideas. A “superb travel guide: funny, knowledgeable, and self-deprecating” (*The Washington Post*), he explores the history of places like Vienna of 1900, Renaissance Florence, ancient Athens, Song Dynasty Hangzhou, and Silicon Valley to show how certain urban settings are conducive to ingenuity. With his trademark insightful humor, this “big-hearted

humanist ” (The Wall Street Journal) walks the same paths as the geniuses who flourished in these settings to see if the spirit of what inspired figures like Socrates, Michelangelo, and Leonardo remains. In these places, Weiner asks, “ What was in the air, and can we bottle it? ” “ Fun and thought provoking ” (Miami Herald), The Geography of Genius reevaluates the importance of culture in

nurturing creativity and “ offers a practical map for how we can all become a bit more inventive ” (Adam Grant, author of Originals). The Hidden Habits of Genius Alien Ebooks In the tradition of A Beautiful Mind, here is an engaging biography of a world-famous Canadian geometry genius, Donald Coxeter, whose work has slowly and steadily become the air we breathe, with everyday applications in telecommunication and e-commerce, among other fields. King of Infinite

Space combines two bestselling categories, popular science and biography. It makes geometry accessible through the fascinating life of the 20th century's greatest classical geometer -- a man who also happens to be a Canadian. Coxeter's story weaves together several rich and surprising threads, from the idiosyncratic nature of his personal life to the geopolitical fabric of his times -- what he calls the wild wicked world -- and illuminates the importance of mathematics therein. Indeed, Coxeter is credited

with saving classical geometry from near extinction: for over fifty years, he fought a quiet war of attrition against disdain for his unfashionable geometry, stoically retaining his passion for the beauty of shapes.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Scholastic Inc.

"From Funny Or Die senior writer and former artistic director at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre comes a collection of absurdist, hilarious stories and essays on relationships,

technology, and contemporary society. A brave archaeologist journeys into a suburban man cave. Leif Eriksson writes Christopher Columbus a long overdue letter. A corporate flack admonishes a room of marijuana sales people to get their revenues up. A young man's penis turns into a lobster. Walt Whitman even teaches a spin class. With humor, originality, and narrative guile, Nate Dern examines man buns, dating apps, Wi-Fi terms

and conditions, juicing crazes, vegetarianism, and so much more, all while plumbing his own life and a series of fantastical scenarios for a truth that's both revelatory and beautiful."--Jacket.

Not Quite a Genius Simon and Schuster

This is the story of how Les Paul created the world's first solid-body electric guitar, countless other inventions that changed modern music, and one truly epic career in rock and roll. How to make a microphone? A

broomstick, a cinderblock, a telephone, a radio. How to make an electric guitar? A record player's arm, a speaker, some tape. How to make a legendary inventor? A few tools, a lot of curiosity, and an endless faith in what is possible. Featuring richly detailed, dynamic illustrations by Brett Helquist, this unforgettable biography will resonate with inventive readers young and old. Why? Penguin Inspired by two of the most beloved works by literary masters, *All Men of Genius* takes place in

an alternate Steampunk Victorian London, where science makes the impossible possible. Violet Adams wants to attend Illyria College, a widely renowned school for the most brilliant up-and-coming scientific minds, founded by the late Duke Illyria, the greatest scientist of the Victorian Age. The school is run by his son, Ernest, who has held to his father's policy that the small, exclusive college remain male-only. Violet sees her opportunity

when her father departs for America. She disguises herself as her twin brother, Ashton, and gains entry. But keeping the secret of her sex won't be easy, not with her friend Jack's constant habit of pulling pranks, and especially not when the duke's young ward, Cecily, starts to develop feelings for Violet's alter ego, "Ashton." Not to mention blackmail, mysterious killer automata, and the way Violet's pulse quickens whenever the young

duke, Ernest (who has a secret past of his own), speaks to her. She soon realizes that it's not just keeping her secret until the end of the year faire she has to worry about: it's surviving that long. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Chaser HarperCollins

The brilliant, largely forgotten maverick Robert Hooke was an engineer, surveyor, architect, and inventor who worked tirelessly with his intimate

friend Christopher Wren to rebuild London after the Great Fire of 1666. He was the first Curator of Experiments at the Royal Society, and his engravings of natural phenomena seen under the new microscope appeared in his masterpiece, the acclaimed *Micrographia*, one of the most influential volumes of the day. But Hooke's irascible temper and his passionate idealism proved fatal for his relationships with important political figures, most notably Sir Isaac Newton: their quarrel is legendary. As a result, historical

greatness eluded Robert Hooke. Now, eminent historian Lisa Jardine does this original thinker of indefatigable curiosity and imagination justice and allows him to take his place as a major figure in the seventeenth century intellectual and scientific revolution.

The Spark WaterBrook
This is the inside, never-before-told story of the Nobel Prize sperm bank, the most radical experiment in human breeding in U.S. history. More than 200 children were born from this

sperm bank between 1980-1999. It is also the story of the extraordinary meetings between the children and their donor fathers.

Guitar Genius Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Shares the uplifting story of a Border Collie who recognized an unprecedented number of human words to explore her role in advancing understandings about animal intelligence, recounting how she also demonstrated an ability to use deductive

reasoning and imitation. 100,000 first printing.

The Genius of Jane Austen: Her Love of Theatre and Why She Is a Hit in Hollywood Random House

Through author Gary Rosen's deeply researched account of Ira B. Arnstein, "the unrivaled king of copyright infringement plaintiffs," *Unfair to Genius* provides an unlikely history of the evolution of copyright law in the United States.

The Genius Factory Simon and Schuster
An autobiography

usually recounts the life of a person who has achieved wide acclaim in one field. But this extraordinary book describes the life of someone who has achieved international acclaim in three fields! Ervin Laszlo was a child prodigy on the piano and grew up to become an internationally celebrated virtuoso. By the time he reached his 40s, however, he had become a famous scientist and

philosopher, and had written a dozen books and more than a hundred articles. He also taught at major universities in Europe, the U.S., and the Far East. Shortly thereafter, he gained world renown as a global visionary, heading research programs at the United Nations and founding an international think tank (the Club of Budapest). But this book is not an autobiography in the traditional sense. In

Laszlo ' s own words: "I don ' t like talking about myself, about what makes me tick and why. Writing about all the things that have happened to me is different. This is storytelling—the telling of a real, lived story: my story, as it unfolded over the years." Join the author on his remarkable journey from his days as an internationally acclaimed concert pianist . . . to his

quest to effect positive global transformation! The Geography of Genius Open Road Media
The extraordinary memoir of a mother's love, commitment and nurturing, which allowed her son, originally diagnosed with severe autism, to flourish into a universally recognized genius--and how any parent can help their child find their spark.

<p>Today, at 13, Jacob is a paid researcher in quantum physics, working on extending Einstein's theory of relativity. Diagnosed at 1 with severe autism, at 3 he was assigned to life-skills classes and his parents were told to adjust their expectations. The goal: tying his own shoes at 16. Kristine's belief in the power of hope and the dazzling possibilities that can occur when we keep our minds open</p>	<p>and learn to fuel a child's true potential changed everything. <u>Alice By Heart</u> Yearling “Lovely, celebratory. For all the belittling of ‘bird brains,’ [Ackerman] shows them to be uniquely impressive machines . . .” —New York Times Book Review “A lyrical testimony to the wonders of avian intelligence.” —Scientific American An award-winning science writer tours the globe to reveal what makes birds capable of such extraordinary</p>	<p>feats of mental prowess Birds are astonishingly intelligent creatures. According to revolutionary new research, some birds rival primates and even humans in their remarkable forms of intelligence. In <i>The Genius of Birds</i>, acclaimed author Jennifer Ackerman explores their newly discovered brilliance and how it came about. As she travels around the world to the most cutting-edge frontiers of research,</p>
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Ackerman not only tells the story of the recently uncovered genius of birds but also delves deeply into the latest findings about the bird brain itself that are shifting our view of what it means to be intelligent. At once personal yet scientific, richly informative and beautifully written, *The Genius of Birds* celebrates the triumphs of these surprising and fiercely intelligent creatures. Ackerman is also the author of *Birds by the Shore: Observing*

the Natural Life of the Atlantic Coast.

Genius At Play Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

A biography of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The book gives a detailed account of his upbringing in India, his mathematical achievements, and his mathematical collaboration with English mathematician G. H. Hardy. The book also reviews the life of Hardy and the academic culture of Cambridge University during the early twentieth century.

An Inspector Calls Simon and Schuster

Astrophysicist and author Mario Livio investigates perhaps the most human of all our characteristics—curiosity—in this “lively, expert, and definitely not dumbed-down account” (Kirkus Reviews) as he explores our innate desire to know why. Experiments demonstrate that people are more distracted when they overhear a phone conversation—where they can know only one side of the dialogue—than when they overhear two people talking and know both

sides. Why does half a conversation make us more curious than a whole conversation? “Have you ever wondered why we wonder why?” Mario Livio has, and he takes you on a fascinating quest to understand the origin and mechanisms of our curiosity. I thoroughly recommend it.” (Adam Riess, Nobel Prize Winner in Physics, 2011). Curiosity is not only at the heart of mystery and suspense novels, it is also essential to other creative endeavors, from painting to sculpture to music. It is the principal driver of basic scientific research. Even so, there is still no definitive scientific consensus about why we humans are so curious, or about the mechanisms in our brain that are responsible for curiosity. In the ever-fascinating Why? Livio interviewed scientists in several fields to explore the nature of curiosity. He examined the lives of two of history’s most curious geniuses, Leonardo da Vinci and Richard Feynman. He also talked to people with boundless curiosity: a superstar rock guitarist who is also an astrophysicist; an astronaut with degrees in computer science, biology, literature, and medicine. What drives these people to be curious about so many subjects? An astrophysicist who has written about mathematics, biology, and now psychology and neuroscience, Livio has firsthand knowledge of his subject which he

explores in a lucid, entertaining way that will captivate anyone who is curious about curiosity. Hereditary Genius Bloomsbury Publishing USA
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Being a Lazy Genius isn't about doing more or doing less. It ' s about doing what matters to you. " I could not be more excited about this book. " —Jenna Fischer, actor and cohost of the Office Ladies podcast The chorus of " shoulds " is loud. You should enjoy the moment, dream big, have it all, get up before the sun, track

your water consumption, go on date nights, and be the best. Or maybe you should ignore what people think, live on dry shampoo, be a negligent PTA mom, have a dirty house, and claim your hot mess like a badge of honor. It ' s so easy to feel overwhelmed by the mixed messages of what it means to live well. Kendra Adachi, the creator of the Lazy Genius movement, invites you to live well by your own definition and equips you to be a genius about what matters and lazy about what doesn ' t. Everything from your morning routine to napping without guilt falls

into place with Kendra ' s thirteen Lazy Genius principles, including: • Decide once • Start small • Ask the Magic Question • Go in the right order • Schedule rest Discover a better way to approach your relationships, work, and piles of mail. Be who you are without the complication of everyone else ' s " shoulds. " Do what matters, skip the rest, and be a person again.
Passing Random House Canada
Winner of the Randolph Caldecott Medal and the Coretta Scott King

Illustrator Award Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak, and in the pulsing energy of New York City. Now, award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduce young readers to the powerful message that art doesn't always have to be neat or clean--and definitely not inside the lines--to be beautiful.