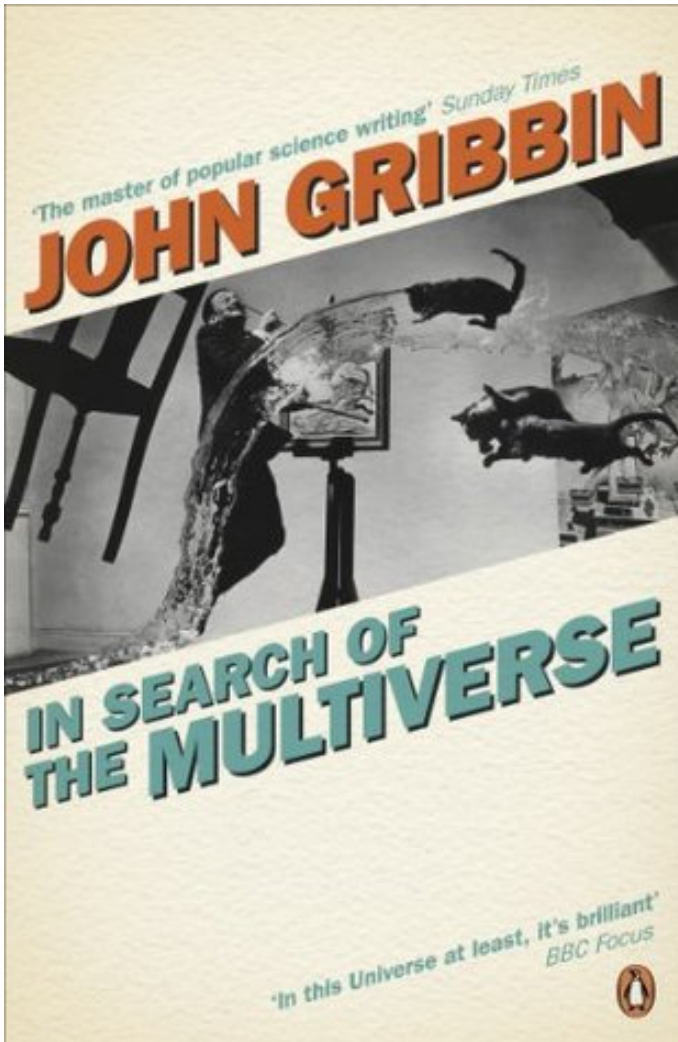

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Description

Is our universe just one of many?

The most fascinating mysteries in modern physics seem to point us in that direction. As impossible as it seems—that other universes came before ours, float alongside ours, or even mirror ours—the evidence is surprisingly convincing.

In his most mind-blowing, sweeping work since Schrödinger's *Kittens and the Search for Reality*, acclaimed science writer and astrophysicist John Gribbin takes readers *In Search of the Multiverse*, launching an extraordinary journey to the frontiers of reality. Touching on the newest research on quantum physics, thermodynamics, string theory, and even the nature of God, this brilliant tour of the current state of cosmology also goes beyond the realm of settled science to the astonishing questions theoretical physicists have only now begun to ask.

Gribbin has long been known for his ability to explain even the most bewildering and complex ideas in the simplest of terms, and that skill is fully on display here. In this new book, he reveals why even the greatest thinkers can't explain the realities of quantum physics without bumping up against the unimaginable. He explores certain anomalies in our Universe that only make sense when you incorporate ideas that were once found only in science fiction. But which fantastical notion of alternate universes is the right one?

Gribbin guides you expertly through the competing Multiverse theories, who thought them up, and what problems they were hoping to solve with such outlandish ideas. You'll visit a realm of infinite space containing an infinite number of regions separated by infinite distances and ruled by different sets of physical laws. You'll drift along an infinite time line, on which different universes are strung out, one after the other, like beads on a wire. And you'll leaf through an infinitely thick book stuffed with an infinite number of pages: each page a different universe, existing in a different dimension—tantalizingly close together, but eternally unable to communicate with each other.

If our universe is three-dimensional and infinite, how could it be inside something else? Is it possible to travel to one of these alternate universes? Are particles traveling there every moment? How can scientists prove the existence of the Multiverse if they can't travel to it? Read *In Search of the Multiverse* and enter a world that is more mind-bending, thought-provoking, and imagination-sparking than the fantasy worlds you'd discover in a bookstore full of science fiction novels.

Insightful reviews

Godzilla: Good book, on the multiverse and physics in general. Just a shame it was way over my head.

Clayton: The problem with this book lies in it's metaphysics and it's ignorance of some of the

philosophical ideas of science, like popperian falsificationism.

At only one point in the book do we find a falsifiable hypothesis forwarded that could in practice decide between two competing systems of multiverse - and this turns out to be the effect of gravity that other universes have upon our own universe's gravitational field.

The rest of the book is speculative unfalsifiable physics that would benefit well from a dose of Kant's Critique of Pure reason.

Ironically, the only falsifiable hypothesis comes at a cost: if the systems are interacting through gravity then in principle they cannot be called separate universes.

To be honest I don't hold much hope for any of the theories expounded upon in this book. I think quantum interpretations that do not postulate the existence of an infinity in order to explain the existence of a particularity are obviously far more ontologically parsimonious. Plus I think that accepting that our local universe is in some sort of infinite manifold has NIL meaningful contribution to make to what we know of our universe.

Gribben has written a good book, if by good you mean accurate and readable. But the subject matter on which he reports is philosophically woeful.

Gary Levin: A good source of information on Physics.

Gabor Hernadi: even supposing now not the best read, this e-book is an engaging trip into actual theories occasionally sound similar to SF (multiverse, time commute or that the realm is nothing only a desktop programme).

BakuDreamer: Ch. 6 is simply too long. He does not get round to ' details ' until eventually the final chapter. (The differentiation of ' a simulation ' and ' a pretend ' is fascinating yet doubtful)

Troy Taroy: it is a bit harder than I anticipated after the candy intro/first chapter/kudos-to-Gribbin's-accessibility (especially to my decidedly unscientific mind). Which made for a superb thrill at any time when I really comprehended any of the book's tough science. Philosophically, it truly is correct up my meta-alley. Lotsa dog-ears. has to be re-read.

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