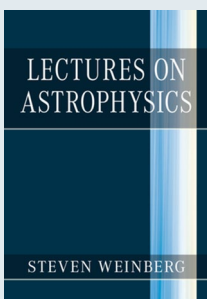


### At the Edge of Time: Exploring the Mysteries of Our Universe's First Seconds

By Dan Hooper

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To understand the Universe is a challenging endeavour. Yet over the last century or so, cosmology has emerged as a precise, data-led discipline, starting from the revolution brought about by Einstein's theory of general relativity. In this book, Dan Hooper specifically focuses on the first seconds of the Universe and discusses our understanding of the Big Bang, the cosmological expansion and the dark components of the Universe. Given the author's expertise, several chapters of the book focus on dark matter, its nature, our search for it and its alternatives.

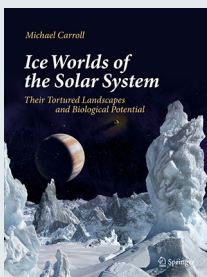


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By Steven Weinberg

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By Michael Carroll

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