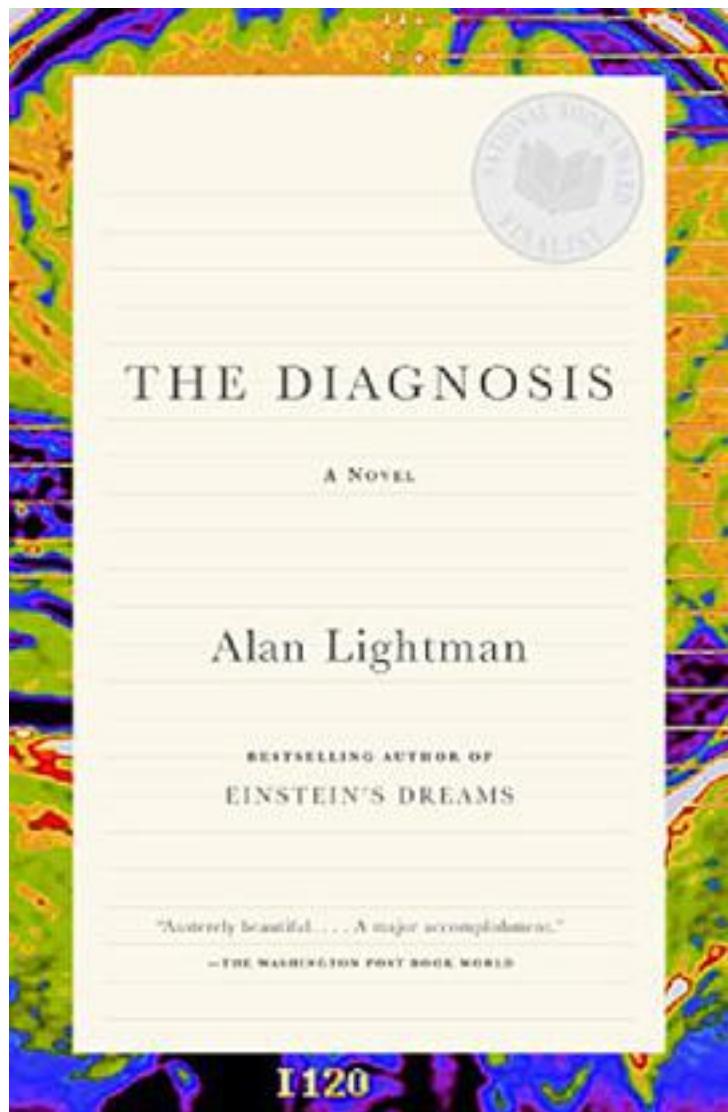


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From the bestselling author of Einstein's Dreams comes this harrowing tale of one man's struggle to cope in a wired world, even as his own biological wiring short-circuits. As Boston's Red Line shuttles Bill Chalmers to work one summer morning, something extraordinary happens. Suddenly, he can't remember which stop is his, where he works, or even who he is. The only thing he can remember is his corporate motto: the maximum information in the minimum time.

Bill's memory returns, but a strange numbness afflicts him. As he attempts to find a diagnosis for his deteriorating illness, he descends into a nightmarish tangle of inconclusive results, his company's manic frenzy, and his family's disbelief. Ultimately, Bill discovers that he is fighting not just for his body but also for his soul.

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美国理论物理学家、小说家，出生于1948年。身为普林斯顿大学物理学士，加州理工学院物理博士的他，是美国《哈泼市场》、《纽约客》、《纽约书评》等报刊的专栏作者，在他笔下，曼妙文笔、超乎寻常的想象力与精准的科学洞察力，令人匪夷所思地结合在一起。他的处女作《爱因斯坦的梦》于1993年一问世，便成为全球畅销书，其对时间的思考富有哲思，令人折服。他于2000年出版的小说《诊断》(The Diagnosis)入选美国国家图书奖的决选名单。此外，还有散文与寓言选集《时间旅行和老爸乔的烟斗》(Dance for Two)，以及多本阐述科学的书籍。

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