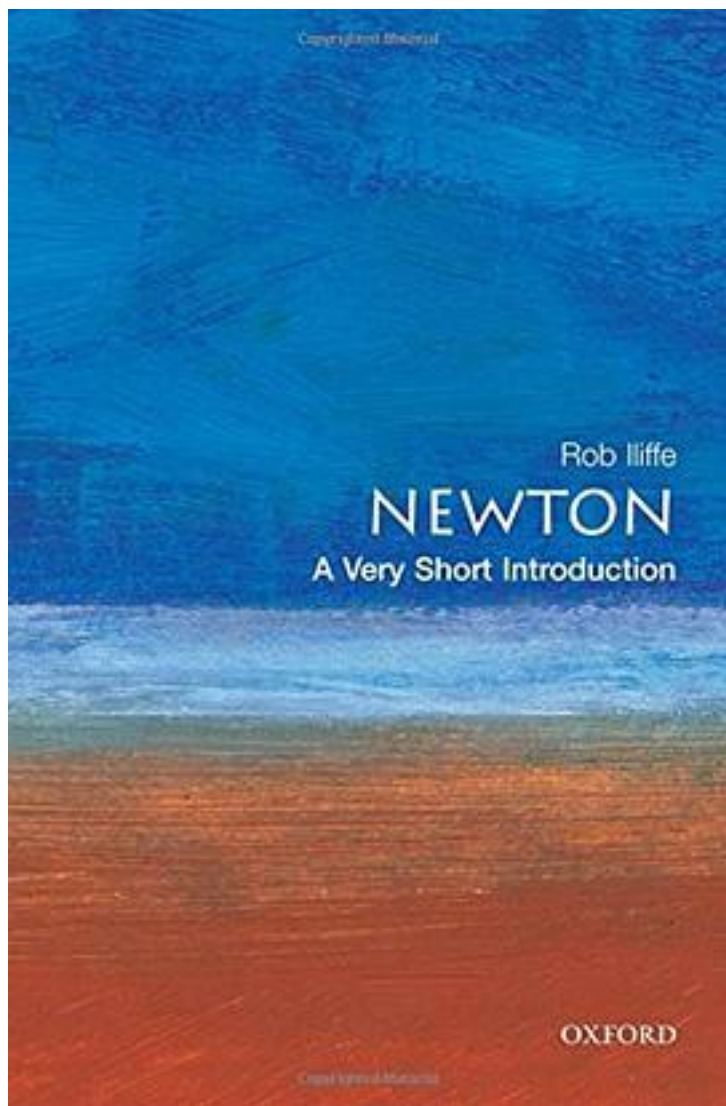


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This Very Short Introduction uses Newton's own unpublished writings to provide fascinating insight into the man who kept the Royal Society under his thumb, was Head of the Mint, and whose contributions to our understanding of the heavens and the earth are considered by many to be unparalleled. The author begins with the legends surrounding Newton before next exploring the forces that shaped his life, introducing, along the way, many of the key thinkers and politicians of the time. Although Newton's science was largely revered (his reputation reached near-immortal status with the publication of the Principia), theologically, his beliefs were very controversial. He was a fanatical Protestant, and claimed that tribes like the Goths, Vandals, and Huns had tried to save the planet from the corruption of the Catholics. He was also convinced that he was specially chosen by God to protect the original, pure form of Christianity, and viewed any criticisms directed at him as a form of persecution. Resisting the urge to show how Newton's views on alchemy, mathematics, physics, and religion complemented one another, the author instead emphasises that these were the very different obsessions of an extremely complex man whose beliefs at the time dominated England's political, religious, and intellectual landscape.

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书评

牛顿活了84岁，一辈子都是处男（他自己临终前说的），本书第一段就很吸引眼球。牛顿一生最主要的成就是微积分、三定律、万有引力以及光学方面的成果，乍一看是无比伟大、无出其右的，但联想到当时的情况，考虑到伽利略、开普勒等人的成果，以及数学方面的类似情况，感觉又是顺...

艾萨克·牛顿（1643年01月04日-1727年03月31日），英国著名物理学家，英国皇家学会会长，爵士，百科全书式的全才。

牛顿出生于一个相对殷实的家庭，早已中浓厚的宗教氛围中长大。父亲是一个自耕农，在牛顿出生前三年继承了一片土地和一座很气派的庄园。母亲来自下层乡绅家庭，...

牛顿直到去世都还是一个处男。

并不是我要哗众取宠，而是书里一开始就这么写的。大概作者是要强调，牛顿的一生并没有什么世俗感情的纠葛，请各位看官正确摆正心理预期。但看完后，我有点明白其用意了，是为了作对比，因为在精神领域，在学术界，甚至在神学方面，牛顿都是一个彻...

牛顿的神话，不管谁人评说似乎都显得多余。一方面，他作为父母老师教育儿童的最佳范例，“牛顿小时候啊，最喜欢捣鼓家里的小玩意儿，钟表什么的，都被他拿来仔细钻研”；另一方面，他成了谦虚谨慎的代表，而他最有名的话，莫过于“如果说我比别人看得略为远些，那是因为我是站...

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