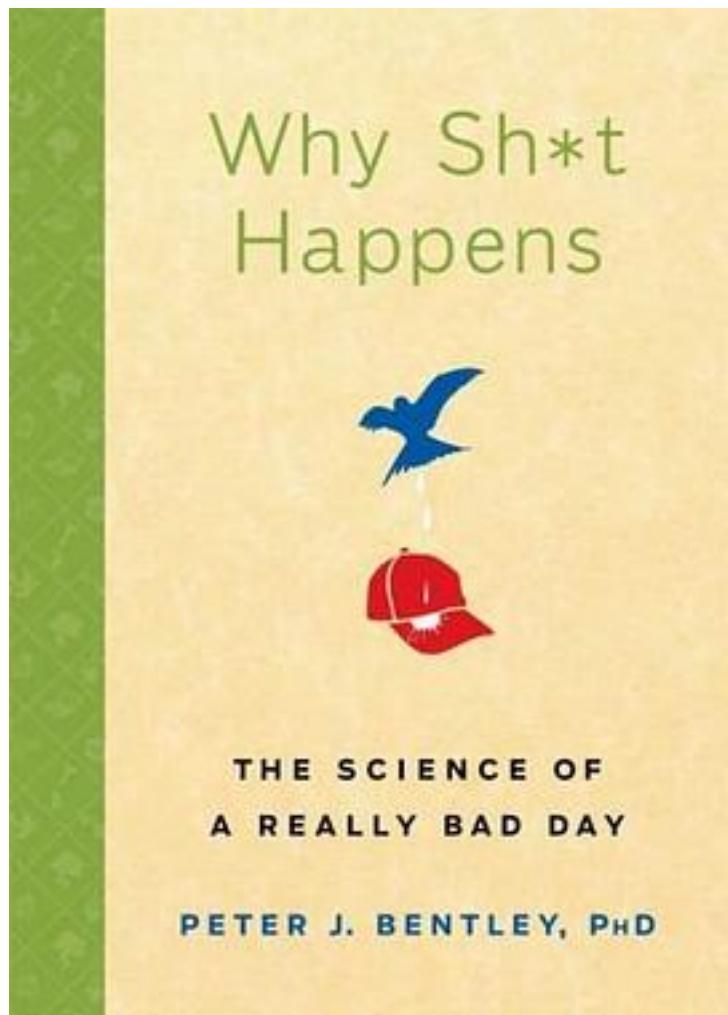


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Have you ever fallen victim to Murphy's law? Sometimes bad things just happen. "In

Why Sh*t Happens," esteemed British scientist Peter J. Bentley takes readers on an informative and amusing tour through the least lucky, most accident-prone day of their lives. From sleeping through the alarm clock and burning breakfast to getting caught in the rain and navigating a slippery road, Bentley brilliantly explores disaster and mishap on a molecular level. In the process, he explains the science behind each accident, arming readers with the knowledge to understand what went wrong and how they can steer clear of future harm. Science is respected, trusted, and according to Bentley, largely misunderstood. "Why Sh*t Happens "urges readers to arm themselves with the power of science in order to better understand the world around them. When a car engine is damaged by the wrong gasoline or a computer is attacked by a virus, science is not to blame, but rather can provide an explanation of what happened. In a text that exudes charm and wit, Bentley reveals the causes behind a wide spectrum of mishaps, including why that razor nick won't stop bleeding, why metal sparks in the microwave, what makes chewing gum stick in hair, and why milk tastes sour when it goes bad. Sh*t will always happen, but now readers will know exactly why. Enter, if you dare, the world of everyday disasters.

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书评

作为一本科普读物，这本书做到了生动有趣，并且线索很独特，以一个足够倒霉的家伙足够倒霉的一天作为全书的主线，在每一个固定的时间点上发生了一些事，从早上7:00起床到晚上21:45即将入睡。

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床到晚上睡觉这个时间段，然后说你可能遇到的一些科学小常识。很开阔思路，感觉比我上面提到的那本书要好。

薄薄的一本册子，结合了生活方方面面，讲了些比较普及的科学知识，值得一提的是涵盖范围十分广泛，一般科普作者很难有这样的广度。本书很适合闲暇时候翻翻，复习记忆不太准确的一些知识。不过正因为涵盖范围广，所以译者有些吃力，有的地方专业词语翻译有问题，比...

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