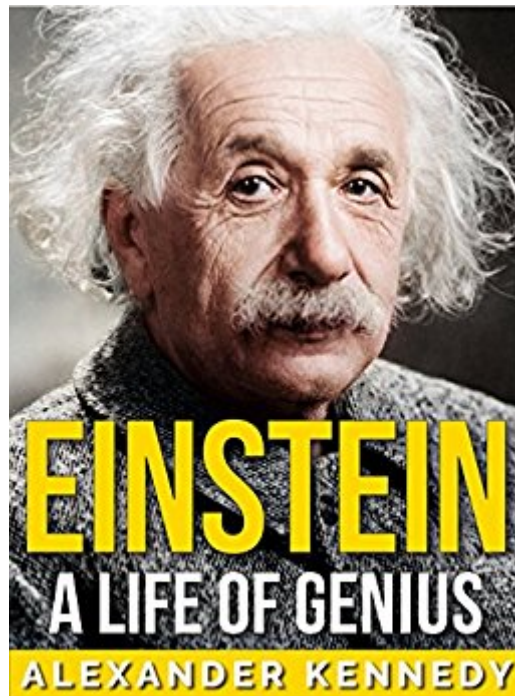


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This recitation would only fill a thin booklet and whether the public would care to pay that price for the paperback remains to be seen. The narrative flows freely and is interesting in itself, but the disclaimer at the beginning alerts the reader to the fact that the author does in no way justify his statements such as footnotes, etc. For just a short off-the-cuff recitation, that wouldn't be necessary, but there are substantial statements made that most readers would like to know the basis for them. Anyone can pick out statements from various places, but the reader has to question the veracity of them if this is to be a rather bleak biography. For instance, I read once that Einstein only slept three hours at a time, twice a day and that it was while he slept, that he got his scientific impressions. Also, I read that his daughter said that after he needed to leave Europe because he was a Jew and wanted to save his life, he was always morose and depressed after that. I have no way of knowing whether those two last statements are true or not. Hence, the necessity for footnotes. The author says he just wants to write an interesting booklet about a famous man. That is the difference between writing fact and fiction. Several of your famous historical fiction writers of books in the back will state where they got their information and what they filled in out of their imagination. Just reading through this booklet, was light reading and flowed smoothly except for the verb, which needed to be past tense, and of course, it was a lot less work on the author than to show where he got his statements by using footnotes. As far as the charge of plagiarism as alluded

to by one reviewer, that is its own issue and it would be hard to prove it unless it was verbatim.

REVIEW REQUESTED Mechanically, this book was well written. Punctuation in place, grammar adhered to nicely, spelling correct for the most part. Related to the spelling issue, there were a large number of instances in the text in which it appeared as if the letters had been mistakenly dropped (i.e. allowed). I'm not certain that this was the author's error since it's consistently a dropped letter, rather than a misspelling. Also, there was a very occasional mistake in word usage (i.e. "When he wasn't studying complex mathematics, he played with model construction sets and take long walks in the woods" [should be "took"]). Additionally, while I appreciate the author's desire to keep the material simple for the reader, I was occasionally left wondering how he reached certain conclusions and would love to have been provided a bit more information so that I could have drawn my own conclusions. For example: "He felt stifled by the education system of the time, and bored with the curriculum, but his grades, at least in the subjects that interested him, were good". The preceding paragraphs skim over information about his grades and provides a couple of quotes related to education and educators, neither of which I interpreted as disdain as the author concluded; and nothing was provided in which to deduce Einstein felt stifled by education. Again, a bit more information would have been useful in instances such as this. Overall, it was a decently-written attempt at a biographical work, but as detailed information on Einstein is not common knowledge, I expected to see, at the least, a reference page denoting where the author obtained his facts.

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