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EINSTEIN'S UNIVERSE — Nigel Calder — Viking Pr, 1979, 154 p., illus., \$10. The author, who also wrote the script for the TV special of the same name, wished "to make relativity plain." Einstein's ideas of time, space and motion are presented for the general reader. Many of the explanations of his work are viewed in light of the latest scientific research demonstrating how present-day discoveries affirm Einstein's vision.

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