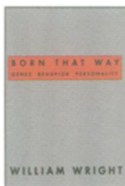


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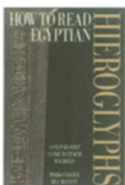
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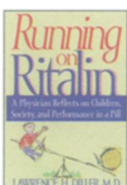
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**Richard Feynman: A Life in Science**—John Gribbin and Mary Gribbin. The authors themselves question the need for another Feynman biography, but they allege that no other book portrays Feynman's scientific accomplishments and verve for physics, along with his unique personality and intriguing background. The Gribbins ably achieve this goal as they reveal how the joy of physics that Feynman exuded kept his students riveted. They also describe the pioneering work in quantum electrodynamics that won him a Nobel prize. Blend these achievements with bongo-playing, safecracking, and practical jokery, and you have a story. Originally published in hardcover in 1997. Plume, 1998, 301 p., illus., paperback, \$13.95.



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