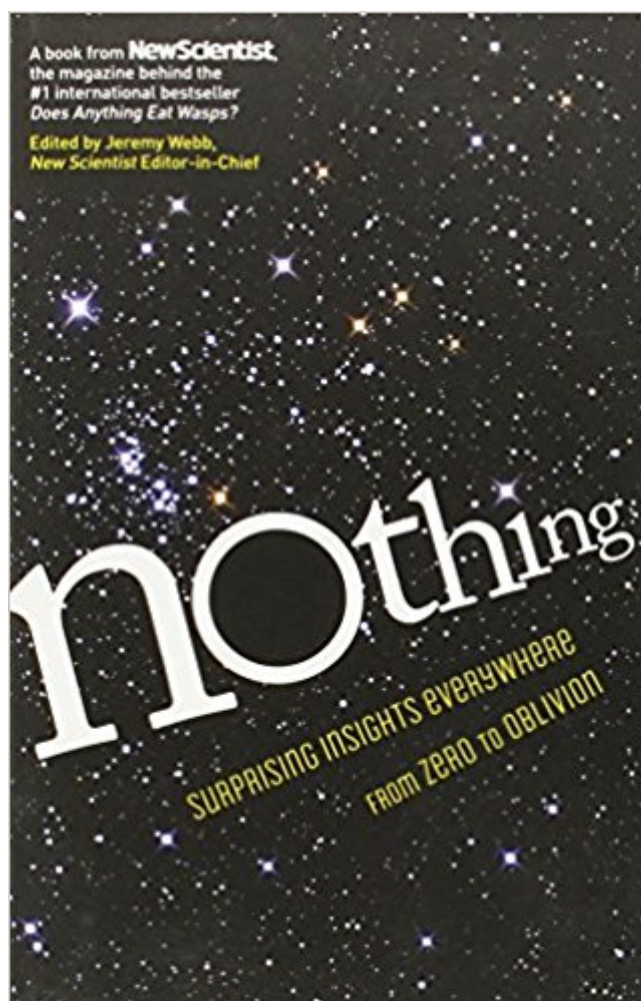


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# Nothing: Surprising Insights Everywhere From Zero To Oblivion



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Well written by many of the contributors, covering physics(cosmology), math (idea of zero), medicine (placebo effect) and biology (what brain does while it's "idling") in an interesting order.

very cool book - has so many random interesting things and is set up so you can read a small section at a time in any order you want - perfect for needing just a bit of reading at bedtime - I love it! I read only non-fiction and this is very interesting to me!

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one of the best books I've read lately... it goes from one place to another in the search for \*nothing\* in our lives...informative, and fun to read.

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Excellent writing style. Not too technical and at the same time very informative. Zero is hero, after all!

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