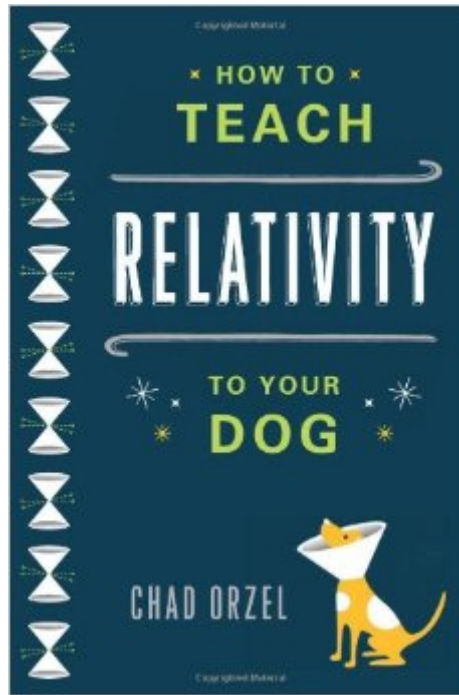


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# How To Teach Relativity To Your Dog



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They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But what about relativity? Physics professor Chad Orzel and his inquisitive canine companion, Emmy, tackle the concepts of general relativity in this irresistible introduction to Einstein's physics. Through armchair and sometimes passenger-seat conversations with Emmy about the relative speeds of dog and cat motion or the logistics of squirrel-chasing, Orzel translates complex Einsteinian ideas—the slowing of time for a moving observer, the shrinking of moving objects, the effects of gravity on light and time, black holes, the Big Bang, and of course,  $E=mc^2$ —into examples simple enough for a dog to understand. A lively romp through one of the great theories of modern physics, *How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog* will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about space, time, and anything else you might have slept through in high school physics class.

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I've read *Why Does E=MC2* by Brian Cox, *Fabric of the Cosmos* and *The Elegant Universe* by Brian Greene, *Einstein's Cosmos* by Michio Kaku, but this is by far the best book on relativity that I've read. Brian Greene's books were amazing, but didn't focus entirely on special and general relativity, *Einstein's Cosmos* was an excellent book but was a little more biographical than I was hoping it would be, and Brian Cox's book was very good. This book however is just simply amazing. The explanations are extremely clear and I'm just amazed at how much he was able to cover in just a couple hundred pages. It never seemed like the book was moving too fast or too slow. The dog conversation idea sounded like it would be annoying and corny, but it was perfect. The dog could

have been replaced with a human, a rabbit, or a cat (which were all animals he used along with his dog in the book). The reason it worked so great is that he clearly anticipated the exact questions that people ranging from total layman who never read a science book in their life to geeks like myself who try and read every science book they can get their hands on would have when it comes to relativity. I'm at the point now where I could answer some of the most basic questions that his dog has, but I remember a time when I couldn't and when the questions the dog asks would've been exactly the questions that I would have had. Pretty much every time a statement by the author left me slightly confused or uncertain his dog would stop him in his tracks and ask either the question that I was thinking or a different question that either way would lead to the answer that I needed.

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