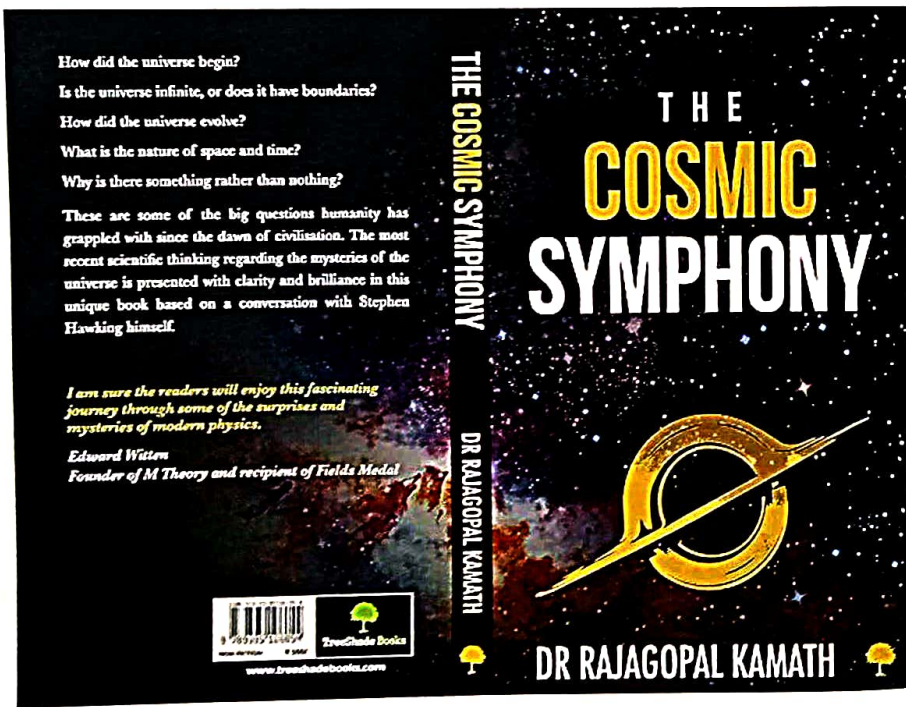


BOOK REVIEW

THE COSMIC SYMPHONY

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The four major parts in the book

“THE universe is everything. It includes all of space and all the matter and energy that space contains. It even includes time itself, and, of course, it includes you,” — NASA. However, when one starts to delve into and try to understand the concept and different theories of the universe — how it formed, its building material, how it evolved, etc., we get puzzled and lost in its vastness. So, the book by Dr Rajagopal Kamath, *The Cosmic Symphony*, attempts to take its readers to the interesting facts of the universe — from its beginning to contemporary theories.

The way the author shares information and various experiences in the book provides a dense exploration of the infinite universe and unravels the mysteries and complexities of the universe in a very lucid way. Besides, it also serves as an inspiration to many, as the author explains the contributions of our great scientists and how they work by defying all the odds.

The author starts his book with a memorable meeting with Prof. Stephen Hawking and how he was greatly motivated and influenced to develop this book that is based on his conversation. Besides, he also mentioned some of his conversations with other researchers and scientists, like Prof. Roger Penrose, a Nobel Laureate in Physics 202; Prof. Jayant Narlikar from Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune; Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe, Director, Buckingham, UK, and some other scholars. These discussions helped the author better understand the facts of cosmology, which helped him shape the book.

In an effort to present different aspects of the universe to its readers, the book comprises four parts — Beginning, Exploration, Mystery, and Uncertainty. Each part has a different essence with different chapters, making it 21 chapters. The first chapter of the book “A Memorable Meeting” holds a special significance, wherein the author describes his experience of meeting with Prof. Stephen Hawking and explains everything in detail — Hawking’s room, his special chair, discussion on some theories, contributions of Stephen Hawking to modern physics, and much more.

Finally, the author starts with the various topics of cosmos from the second chapter — “The Ways to Singularity”. In this chapter, the author lucidly describes