



## 13 Journeys Through Space and Time Christmas Lectures from the Royal Institution

Colin Stuart, Foreword by Tim Peake

### Keynote

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Started at the Royal Institution (RI) in 1825 by Michael Faraday, the Christmas Lectures have been broadcast on television since the 1960s and have formed part of the British Christmas tradition for generations. First devised to attract young people to the magic of science through spectacular demonstrations, they are now watched by millions of people around the world every year.

Drawing on the incredible archive at the RI, which is packed full of handwritten notebooks, photographs and transcripts, this book will focus on thirteen of the most captivating Lectures given at the RI on space and time, taking a look at what we thought we knew then and what has been discovered since.

### Sales Points

- With unlimited access to the RI's comprehensive archives, this book will be packed full of original BBC photographs, excerpts from the lecture transcripts, press cuttings, personal correspondence and much more
- With a foreword by ESA astronaut Tim Peake
- 2016 sees the eightieth anniversary of the first TV broadcast of the Lectures by the BBC (the first ever science lectures to be broadcast) and the RI are in talks with them about a documentary to be shown this Christmas to mark the anniversary
- The RI currently has over 5,000 members and a full programme of events for schools as well as the general public that run throughout the year. It also has strong social media presence, with over 42,000 Twitter followers
- Comparative title:  
*Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* (9780241235966) Penguin Books Ltd, pub date 24/09/2016

### Reviews

- 'About the size and weight of a large slab of chocolate but far more nourishing.' - *Daily Telegraph*
- 'Joyous... A perfect Christmas gift for curious minds.' - *Stanfords Blog*
- 'Handsome and insightful.' - *Waterstones Blog*
- 'Extra special... An excellent book for anyone interested in space and time.' - *One Giant Read*

### Author Biography

Colin Stuart is a space geek who talks to tens of thousands of people about the stars every year. A freelance science writer too, he has written for the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *New Scientist* and the European Space Agency amongst many others. He has been a runner-up in the European Astronomy Journalism Prize and is the author of several books, including *13 Journeys Through Space and Time*, *The Big Questions in Science* and *Why Space Matters to Me*.

A fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, he's talked about the wonders of the universe on Sky News, BBC News and Radio 5Live and tweets as @skyponderer.

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