



THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF EVERYTHING

From the Big Bang to the
End of the Universe

by *Paul Parsons*

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The Beginning and the End of Everything is a comprehensive and fascinating tour of the birth and eventual death of the universe, as we currently understand it. An authoritative and engaging writer, Paul Parsons takes the reader on a rollercoaster ride through billions of light years to tell the story of the Big Bang.

13.8 billion years ago, matter, energy and time all burst into existence in a cataclysmic and mysterious event - the Big Bang - and with it came the birth of our universe. Starting smaller than a subatomic particle, our universe is now unimaginably vast and contains trillions of galaxies.

The Big Bang Theory comprises of some of the most far-reaching concepts in fundamental physics. This book lays out the bases of the theory, from the realisation that we are on a planet orbiting a star in one of many galaxies; to the discovery that our universe is expanding; and the groundbreaking theories of Einstein and Stephen Hawking that laid the groundwork for the Big Bang cosmology of today.

Dr Paul Parsons was a theoretical cosmologist at the University of Sussex, and is now a science journalist and author. He has contributed articles to the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph and New Scientist, and has served as editor of the award-winning BBC science magazine Focus and as managing editor of BBC Sky at Night magazine. His previous books include The Periodic Table, How to Destroy the Universe, The Science of Doctor Who (longlisted for the 2007 Royal Society Prize for Science Books) and 30-Second Theories: The 50 Most Thought-provoking Theories in Science.

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