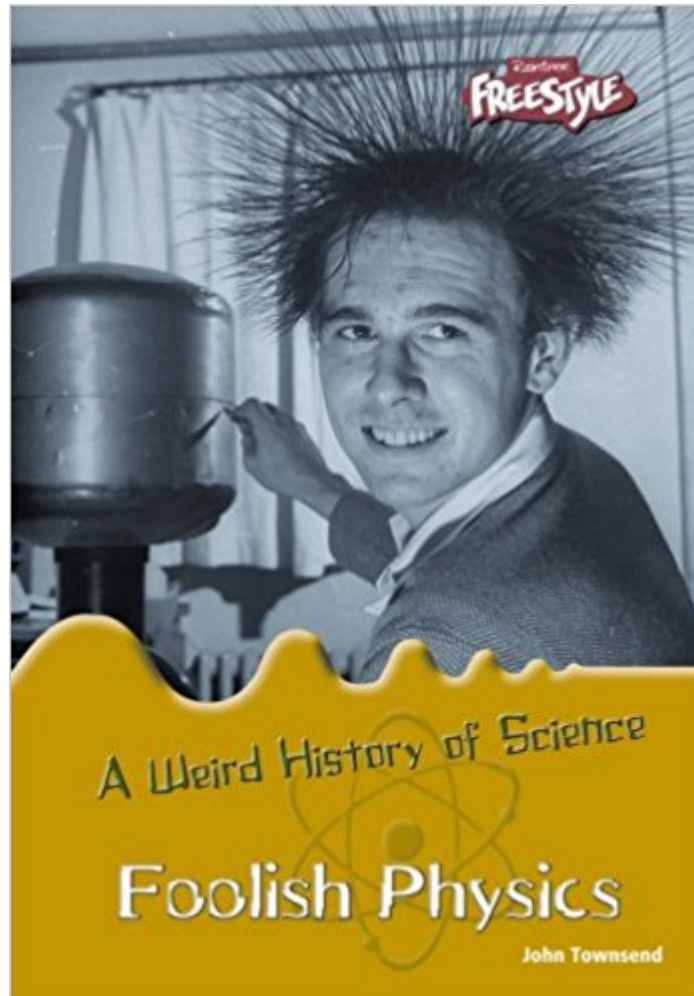




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## Synopsis

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John Townsend has been in teaching for 25 years, and has been a full-time writer since January 2003. He has written more than sixty books for young people, on such wide-ranging subjects as monsters, urban legends, spiders, computer crime, and spies. He has also written the recent thrillers *The Hand* and *The Omen* and *the Ghost*. He lives in England.

Fun reading in DK style. Students who are intimidated by Physics will find that Physics can be foolish and fun! (phonetic spelling on purpose) Although it is written for younger students (Gr. 4-6) I think grades 7-9 would still find the information interesting.

My son read this, and 2 other "Weird History of Science Books" for a book report project. This (and the others) are great science books teaching kids about all things in science that are weird, funny, outrageous, super cool, etc. This book is divided into the following chapters and sub

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Physics Timeline Find Out More Glossary According to my son, this was the best of the 3 "A Weird History of Science" books he read. He also read "Bizarre Biology" and "Outrageous Inventions" from this series. I believe there are 1 or 2 more books in this series that I did not mention. Recommend.

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