

My history of time is briefer than yours

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In 1999, Eric Schulman published *A Briefer History of Time*, based upon his previous effort to capture the history of the universe in 200 words. The book takes the initial 200-word summary and expands upon each phrase, surreptitiously teaching you some science among the jokes. (You can even watch a video.)

And then this Hawking.guy shows up and gives his book the exact same title. What a rip-off.

(I'm told this Hawking guy has a lot of fans. Those who live in the Seattle area might be interested to know that he'll be in town in mid-November.)

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