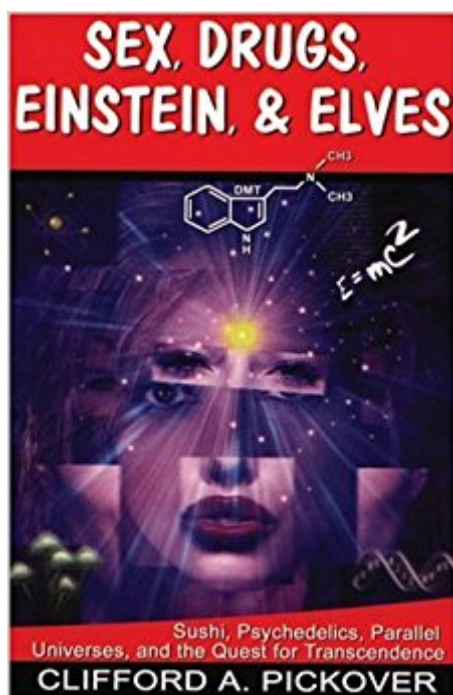


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The book in question is basically a mangle-mangle of different ideas floating through Mr. Pickover's mind while he's walking around his neighbourhood. From linguistic theory, to seducing woman. From psychedelics to Jefferson's Bible. Jefferson tried to extract the teachings of Jesus Christ by cutting out all religious, supernatural aspects, in case you didn't know. In the same way, I'd love to see a version of this book minus Mr. Pickover's constant self appraisal and self-advertising. He can't stop talking about how he is the most prolific writer, that his obscure SF novels are awesome, that he is a prolific writer..oh did I mention? He's a prolific writer! Short: Mr. Pickover is full of himself. Nevertheless, his collection of ideas is certainly entertaining and stimulating to the mind and I've enjoyed them. He's not quite the deep thinker, prophet and philosopher he paints himself. But his work was enjoyable despite his annoying antics. Well..."you shouldn't care about it, as long as the book is good itself, right?" Wrong. It just annoys me. He paints his book as some sort of "reality carnival" but "ego carnival" would be more suitable. The "talking" reaches its climax as he confesses to never have taken DMT, yet he talks about the importance of establishing a center for DMT research. But here's the real kicker: He says the reason for never taking the substance is because he is so "psychedelic himself" just like Dali. To undermine his opinion, he lets his readers know, that his artwork is featured at Erowid alongside other psychedelic artists - go figure! And just as you think it couldn't get any more ridiculous he carries on to talk about Proust (he never stops to talk about him during the course of this book, he should be in the title!

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