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This book explores and explains scientific mysteries and principles, leavened with tongue-in-cheek humor and an abundance of illustrations. Chapters are short, but give an understanding of technology and science not available elsewhere. Questions include:

- What holds a satellite up while it goes around the Earth?
- Why is the sky (made out of clear air!) blue instead of green, or just black as night like the sky that high altitude jumper Felix Baumgartner saw?
- How is laser light different from “normal” light?
- Did Columbus really discover that the Earth is round?
- Which one invention will assuredly survive our civilization?
- Why can't you travel back in time?

If you often feel embarrassed because you don't have a clue about lasers, the difference between volts, amps and watts, or how jet planes really work – but you would like to understand the physical principles of our modern world, whether you're a teen or a parent – this book is for you!

To understand the basics of quantum mechanics, or of protons, neutrons and electrons, you don't need algebra, calculus,

or a lot of equations or technical buzzwords. Too many people have been soured on science by science teachers who have made simple concepts seem complex. This book is the antidote: all it requires is your curiosity.

Advance praise for No Wonder You Wonder!:

“From beginning to end, and with laugh after laugh, I enjoyed every single word of this remarkable book. Phipps is a hell of a good writer, and the kind of physics teacher that I would have loved as a young student. No Wonder You Wonder can be engrossing for anyone with a bit of curiosity, not just the scientific minded.”
– Christophe Bonnal, Chief Engineer, CNES (French Space Agency)

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ntastic book. Covering topics such as space, matter, and the energy within the universe, this book does an

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