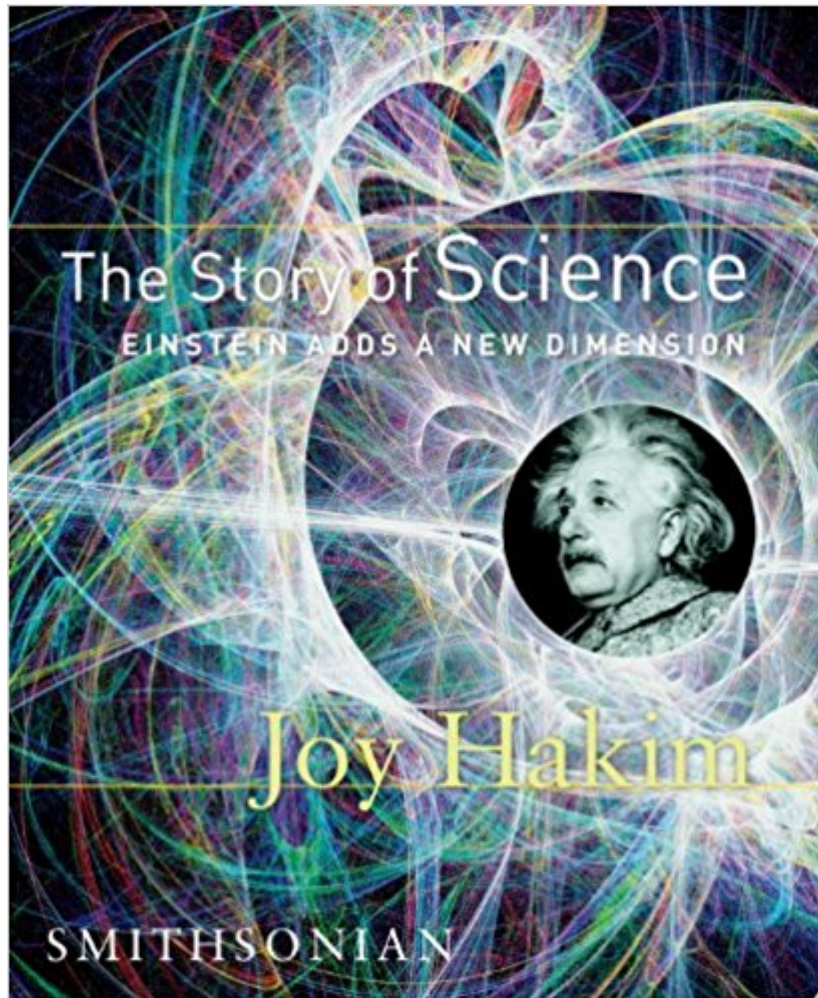




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Author of the prize-winning series A History of US, Joy Hakim is the recipient of the James Michener Award in Writing and the Gold and Silver Parents' Choice Awards in Writing.

I love the way Hakim weaves in history and personal stories and purchased all three books! In my opinion does a better job than Tiner's series. Can't comment on Bauer's series as they came out later than Hakim's and I'm not familiar with them. The reason I didn't rate these books 5 stars are because the pages are too busy with information snippets - may be hard for many readers to stay with the main reading. Also, please be aware that even though the title is "The Story of Science" is doesn't cover biological and earth sciences so it really isn't the "full" story of science. I used traditional approach for homeschooling middle school aged children and these 3 books worked really well as my science spine, supplementing with the library, YouTube and other resource. Even though I'm done with homeschooling, have retained these books in my library as they are still fun to pick up and read. My sister who recently visited with her elementary kids picked it up and read some of the stories with her kids before bed. Given the way the book is constructed - might be good for a waiting room environment or bathroom reading.

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Joy Hakim's science series is the best ever written and the perfect prep for freshman year at MIT. If only I had had this series instead of my APs in Highschool ! Freshman year would have been a breeze. Please, please, please publish the biology series soon!

Joy Hakim is very knowledgeable, not only of how science works, but also the way in which people learn best - through stories. There is not a great deal of straight science content in this book, but it certainly is a fantastic learning tool to help remember people and scientific pedagogy. This text makes science history seem real and fresh, with the added bonus of literature and historical and mathematical factoids that connect science to the larger scope of knowledge and education.

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Great! :)

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