

# What If

The book that I read was an interesting book called What If. In this book it talked about different scenarios that were destined to never happen. Some of them are completely out of this world but fun to read about. Each scenario takes up two to three pages and has scientific logic backing it up. There were no defined characters in this book, nor was there any sort of plot.

In this interesting book I learned about different forces in a fun and engaging way. One of the articles not only in the book but on the web page was the “Relativistic Baseball.” In this article it talked about what would happen if a baseball was hit to 90% the speed of light. Not to my surprise I found that the ball would create an explosion due to a fusion reaction with the atoms in the air. So if this were to ever happen the effects would be disastrous, but what are the chances!

The book was published September 14, 2014 by Randall Munroe. I really liked this book because it challenged my imagination. To read this book you shouldn't take what it is saying literally. A lot of the articles written in this book are meant to be humorous and attract the reader's attention. I loved how this book had illustrations and caught my attention. My favorite part of this book was the article “Is it possible to build a jetpack using downward firing machine guns?” I found this one particularly interesting because it took something that a lot of people know about, guns, and put them to the test in a fictional scenario.

To some people this may seem ridiculous and outlandish but I found the idea of it and the facts backing it up to be interesting too. With the basic illustrations it is easy to understand what they are talking about.

All in all I think that it was a very interesting and engaging book. I would recommend it to anybody that is interested in the sciences or likes to read. The book wasn't very challenging, besides the long hard to pronounce words here and there. Content-wise this was a very unique book. I have never read anything quite like it. So if you were thinking about reading this or even considering it I would say go for it. If you aren't able to get ahold of the book all the contents are also on a website called <http://what-if.xkcd.com/>.