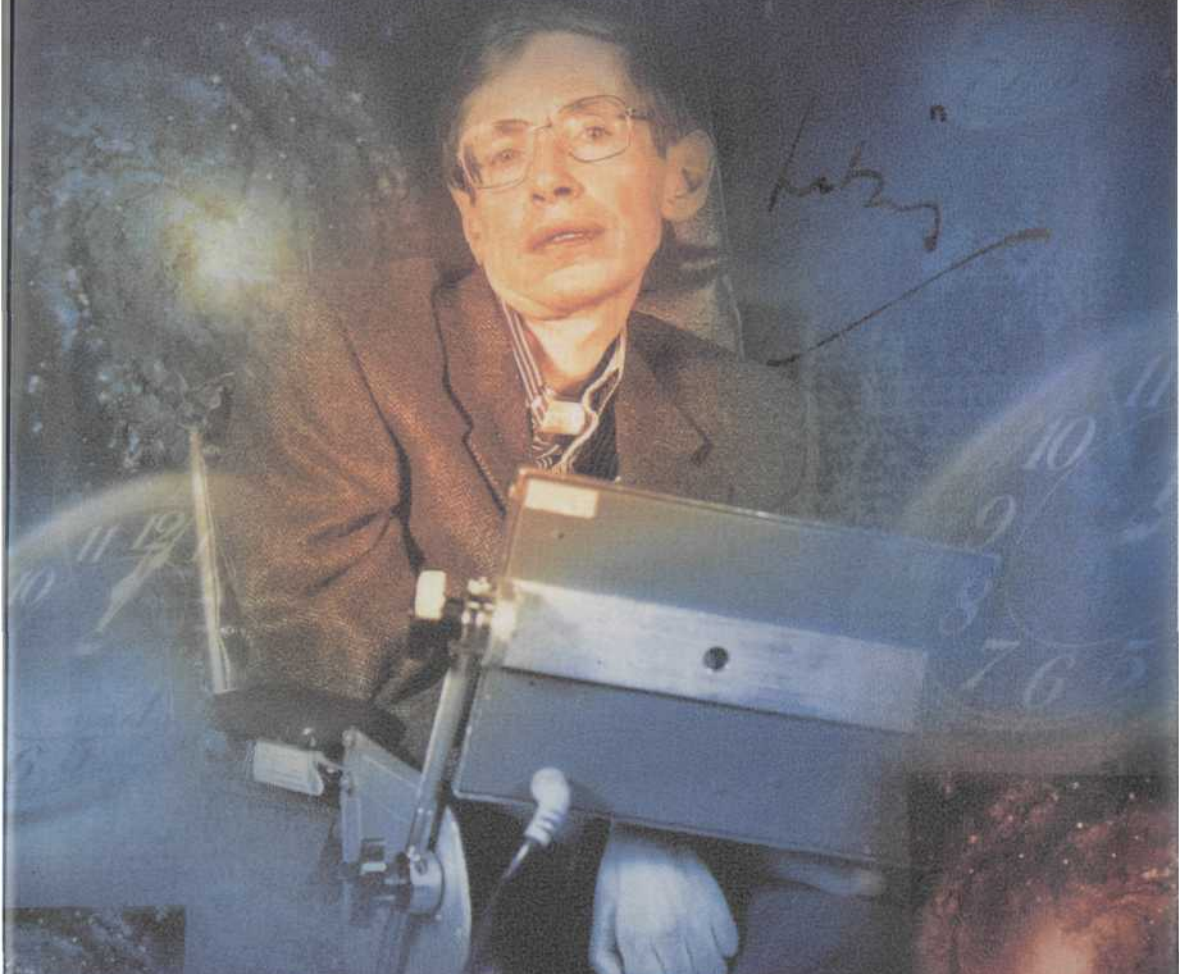


STEPHEN HAWKING

Author of *A Brief History of Time*



BLACK HOLES
AND BABY UNIVERSES
and other essays

Contents

PREFACE	ix
1. CHILDHOOD	1
2. OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE	13
3. MY EXPERIENCE WITH ALS	21
4. PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD SCIENCE	27
5. A BRIEF HISTORY OF <i>A BRIEF HISTORY</i>	33
6. MY POSITION	41
7. IS THE END IN SIGHT FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS?	49
8. EINSTEIN'S DREAM	69
9. THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE	85
10. THE QUANTUM MECHANICS OF BLACK HOLES	101
11. BLACK HOLES AND BABY UNIVERSES	115
12. IS EVERYTHING DETERMINED?	127
13. THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSE	141
14. <i>DESERT ISLAND DISCS: AN INTERVIEW</i>	157