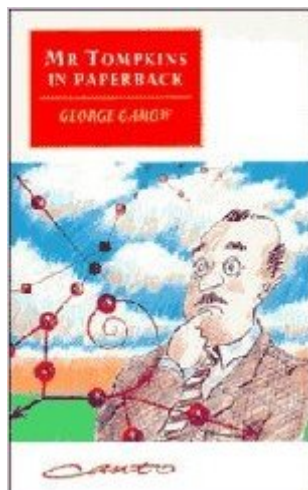


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I am a retired college professor and nuclear physicist. When I was in junior high school, I read the original Mr. Tompkins series by George Gamow, who was one of the leading nuclear physicists of the mid-20th century. This was one of the influences that steered me into physics as a career. I am pleased that these books have been reprinted, and I recommend this book to anyone interested in physics, even though it is over sixty years old.

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