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When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...

## **The Many Worlds of Albie Bright Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Many Worlds of Albie Bright for online ebook**

### **Peter says**

What an ending - just beautiful. Perfectly written.

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### **Monica Haak says**

Ahhhhwww. 4.5/5 sterren. Dit is zoooo lief!!

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### **Celeste\_pewter says**

I looked at the synopsis, looked at the length of the book, and mused: "Can you really tell a tale about parallel universes in such a brief text?" Well, the answer is: Yes, and it's a beautiful story, at that.

Christopher Edge introduces readers to ten-year-old Stephen Albie Bright, the son of two high-profile scientists. But when his mom dies, Stephen goes on a journey to find his mother in a parallel universe. What follows, is an important journey about learning how circumstances can shape a person, what it means to look beyond surface appearances, and how it's important to keep moving forward.

Because Albie goes on his journey, expecting to simply find his mother and fix all of the grief that he's felt since her death. But Edge does a brilliant job of showing that it's not that simple; in each parallel universe that Albie arrives at. There are little alterations and changes to that particular universe's Albie, with corresponding problems. Each Albie has to go through their own individual trials, and our Albie, quickly realizes that though his grief is painful, he is also not alone. It's a powerful lessons told eloquently using science and quantum physics, and readers of all ages, will admire just how effectively and elegantly, Edge is able to share these concepts.

But outside of Albie's own journey, Edge is careful to use others to emphasize the powerful that comes with moving on. There's an understandable emphasis on just how challenging that process is, but it's a necessity to continue living and bringing creativity into the world. This is especially effectively in one of the universes, where the fate of the world is an uncertain one, but that act of moving on helps open the door to something that may change that very fate.

All in all, Edge has written a powerful story in a few brief chapters. Science intermixed with Albie's coming-of-age journey is impactful, and I'm a little blown away by his journey. I can't wait to share this book with everyone. Highly recommend, full stop.

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### **Odette Knappers says**

**I've just finished and I've been crying for 10 minutes or so. This book is so beautiful and so touching. I**

## **highly recommend it!**

In this book quantum mechanics plays a big part. It is all explained very well because it is explained by a 10-year-old. All the physics is spot on in this book, which I really really really love. So, if you've enjoyed the idea of A Thousand Pieces of You, you will definitely enjoy this book as well, even though it is aimed at children (10-13 year-olds).

But you will also enjoy this book if you've enjoyed [monster calls], because this is also about the mourning process, done in a beautiful way. And this cover is so gorgeous, it is all silver shiney, at least the Dutch edition.

Talked about the Dutch edition, the translation is done really well, with extra attention to the correct choice of words. So, you don't have to worry about the quality of the translation.

For the non-Dutchies: this is sometimes an issue with Dutch books, that is why I mention it when the translation is done really well :)

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## **Lieblingsleseplatz says**

Ganz selten beginne ich meine Rezensionen ja mit dem Klappentext. Zum einen, weil ich Euch viel lieber in meinen eigenen Worten den Inhalt spoilerfrei wiedergebe, zum Anderen weil ich selbst eigentlich nie Klappentexte lese. Das war schon immer so. Ich hasse Klappentexte. Entweder sie erzählen zu viel vom Inhalt oder sie führen einen auf die falsche Fährte (was hier der Fall gewesen wäre) . Daher ist für mich immer das Cover und/oder Autor der Grund, warum ich nach einem Buch greife – und die erste Seite dann die Kaufentscheidung.

Wie ist das bei Euch?

Bei Albie Bright – ein Universum ist nicht genug habe ich den Klappentext hinterher erst gelesen, da ich vom Inhalt des Buches doch sehr überrascht war. Das hätte ich nicht bei dem Cover und der Werbung erwartet.

Aber lest zunächst mal den Klappentext:

Ob seine Mutter in einem Paralleluniversum noch am Leben ist? Die Idee klingt für Albie so verrückt, dass sie stimmen könnte. Mit einem Karton, einer vergammelten Banane und der Nachbarskatze macht er sich auf die Reise durch Zeit und Raum, um seine Mutter zu finden. Tatsächlich landet er in neuen Welten, die sich oft nur durch ein Detail von seiner Welt unterscheiden und dadurch für unvergessliche Erlebnisse sorgen. Nie hätte Albie gedacht, dass er sein eigenes Universum zunächst verlassen muss, um voller Trost und Hoffnung in seine Welt zurückkehren zu können.

Wie geht es Euch? Ich hatte ein abenteuerliches Wissenschafts-SciFi-Buch für Kinder ab 10 erwartet... Doch tatsächlich tritt die Sache mit den Wurmlöchern in Paralleluniversen in dieser Geschichte recht in den Hintergrund. Ich wurde oft traurig und melancholisch, wenn Albie von seiner vor 2 Wochen verstorbenen Mutter erzählte. Ich weiß nicht, ob das Kinder besser wegstecken können, bezweifle das aber. Am Ende – und da verrate ich nicht mehr als der Klappentext – erkennt Albie, dass er trotz der vielen Alternativen in der anderen Universen wieder in seine eigene Wirklichkeit zurück kehren muss und in Liebe von seiner Mutter Abschied nehmen muss um zusammen mit seinem Vater in eine gute Zukunft gemeinsam zu starten.

Albert Stephen Bright – ist benannt nach den Lieblingswissenschaftlern seiner Mutter: Albert Einstein und Stephen Hawking, aber er wird von allen nur Albie genannt. Er hat plötzlich die Eingebung, dass er nur mittels eines von ihm erschaffenen Mini-Wurmloch in eine parallele Realität reisen muss, in der seine Mutter noch am Leben ist. Leider warten in allen Universen, die er besucht nur traurige Wahrheiten...

Nun kann mir als alten Trekkie nun wirklich keiner was bei Wurmlöchern vormachen (und da ist es wieder, das Nerd-Herz ...), aber die Sache mit der Quantenmechanik und Schrödingers Katze hat mein Hirn dann doch richtig rauchen lassen. Und so richtig zufriedenstellend hat mir Christopher Edge das auch nicht erklärt ... Schade. Denn das ist ja DAS zentrale Thema.

„Wenn du denkst, du verstehst die Quantenmechanik, verstehst du sie nicht“

Der sprachliche Stil bleibt bei aller Dramatik und Komik seltsam nüchtern, das schafft zum einen eine Distanz zum Protagonisten und zum andern kann der Humor die traurigen Momente schlecht vertreiben.

Die Message am Ende ist natürlich zauberhaft und tröstet ein wenig.

„Da ist ein Stück Himmel in dir und da ist ein Stück Himmel in mir. Wir sind alle aus Sternenstaub gemacht.“

Ich verbeuge mich für Albie Bright – Ein Universum ist nicht genug nur 3 von 5 Lieblingslesesessel. Mich hat die Geschichte einerseits sehr traurig gemacht, auch wenn der Schluss doch hoffnungsvoll war, und andererseits ließ mich der zu nüchterne Stil nicht nah genug an die Protagonisten heran. Nicht zu vergessen die Sache mit dem Reisen in einem Pappkarton und einer reifen Banane – das erscheint mir dann doch zu simpel. Empfehlen würde ich das Buch nur eingeschränkt – wenn ein Kind einen Trauerfall erleben musste ist es ein schönes Buch um das ein wenig aufzuarbeiten – wobei ich befürchte, dass der ein oder andere sich dann doch in einen Pappkarton setzt ...

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## **Steph says**

This is a lovely, gentle read about a grieving boy using quantum physics to try and spend more time with his recently deceased mother. I enjoyed Albie's experiences in his alternate worlds immensely and may possibly even understand Schrodinger's cat now. A small and unchallenging read, but one that makes you think nonetheless.

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## **Bel Riddle says**

¿Es complete perfecto cinco estrellas? No. Pero me hizo llorar CON HIPO.

Es un libro muy lindo. Vas a querer saber sobre física cuántica y vas a desesperarte y vas a querer MAS MUNDOS PARALELOS, por favor.

Van a hacer una película de este libro, estoy segura.

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## **Irene???? says**

3.5/5 ~ I read this book today and I loved its concept!! The writing is a little childish but it's supposed to be a middle grade to that's okay. The hidden message is beautiful and if you love science that definitely suits you better.

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## **Juan Vorágine says**

<http://voragineinterna.blogspot.com.e...>

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## **Thamy says**

Review based on an ARC provided by Netgalley. Thank you to the publisher for giving me this opportunity.

I was very glad to be able to read this story because it is very different from what I usually pick for myself, and yet I found it lovely.

Albie has lost his mother but something his dad says sends him into an adventure—in some parallel universe his mother is still alive, and he's set on finding. With a few adaptations, he creates a machine that creates the paradox he needs to open the door to the other lives he might have had.

Surely, because grief and moving forward is the theme, this is the kind of book to be enjoyed by anyone, kids or grown-ups or anyone in between.

Despite the author's easy explanations, or maybe even because they were so easy, the method Albie finds is incredibly hard to believe. And the weird applications to theory were as unrealistic. However, it didn't get in the way of my enjoying it, because the how is definitely not the point. He could have just stumbled into a magical portal. His journey and the conclusions both Albie and me as the reader reach by the end were really the thing.

I'd actually rate it a 3.5 not for the quality but for lack of creativity. Yes, it was entertaining but the information was nothing new—authors seem in love with the Schrodinger's cat lately— and as mentioned, the application lacked verisimilitude. I believe a book of this kind needs a little more oomph.

And yet, it was really cute. I believe that because this is children's fiction, the book is rather short. This didn't make it rushed in no way. Nonetheless, it did make me yearn for more by the time I reached the ending.

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## **Karen Barber says**

Named after his parents' two favourite scientists, Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking, Albie Bright has always enjoyed science and questioning the world around him.

When we first meet Albie he tells us about his mother's death, and I defy anyone not to fall in love with him right away. Once his dad talks to him about quantum physics Albie is convinced that with the right invention

he will be able to travel to an alternate universe, one where his mother is alive.

What follows is a touching story of Albie coming to accept his new position, while we watch an increasingly bizarre set of alternate circumstances that Albie finds himself in. I was emotionally invested in this very short read, while being highly amused by some of the events and a little bemused by the science stuff. Great fun, but also heart-warming.

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## **Annemieke / A Dance with Books says**

Last year I saw a translated to Dutch middle grade book making the rounds. It was more so under the radar and the attention seemed to come more from book sellers than any of the Dutch book bloggers. This book was *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*.

Straight of the cover pulled me in and after hearing some great things I added it to my list. My very long list. Fast forward to this Summer and I finally reserved it in the library and read it. And people, you NEED to read this book. It is gorgeous.

*The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* is a sci-fi middle grade that focuses on Albie Bright. Both his parents are scientists so of course he is named after a familiar scientist, Albert Einstein. Growing up with science he is used to questioning the world around him. When his mother dies of cancer it is only natural for him to question where she went. The mutterings of his father about parallel universes leads to a very unique experiment that includes a rotten banana, his mom's computer, a box and the neighbor's cat.

Four reasons to read it:

1. **The Science.** As said this book is a sci-fi book. Parallel universes are still left to discover. But that isn't the only thing in this book. Albie being a child to two scientists means that he has gotten more exposure to science. There are various things he talks and tells us about throughout the book. Science isn't my strong suit but I have been assured by a friend's review that all of the science is spot on. As she has a science background I take her word for that.
  2. **Grief Portrayal.** While the science and parallel universe set the scene in the background this book is most of all about grief. The depiction of grief in a young curious and questioning child was so accurate. The book touched upon the five stages of grief because Albie looked this up. But I liked how that wasn't taken as the gospel with a certain quote I will not give away. While I was taught in my bachelor the five stages of grief, grief does work differently for different people. People have different needs. I thought Albie had a wonderful insight on that.
  3. **Emotional Kick.** For a bit portion of this book I was enjoying it. It was a quick read and I liked Albie. It was a solid 4 star read. Until that ending. It isn't surprising. There is no twist. But it punched me in the gut regardless. I had to blink away tears. And that says a lot because I don't cry with books with a few exceptions here and there. This is now one of them.
  4. **The Relationships.** Lastly I was impressed with how well the relationships came across in such a tiny book. The relationship between Albie and his dad, Albie and his grandfather, Albie and his mother, Albie and his friend and so on. They all had depth and were well thought out. Not perfect. Realistic.
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## Magali says

Ok, ik geef het toe... ik zat er niet helemaal in. In het begin dan toch.

Ik vroeg me de hele tijd af of kinderen die moeilijke termen zoals kwantummechanica wel kunnen plaatsen of ze weten hoe een Ford Ka er uit ziet of ze Back to the Future en Marty überhaupt zelfs kennen??

Is het een boek voor groep 7 (het vijfde leerjaar)? Hmmm voor sommige kinderen zeker, maar daar heb je enkel de hele knappe lezers mee. Voor anderen is dit naar leesniveau niet zo evident.

Maar dan toch vier sterren... Ahja! Want toen kwam ik aan het kwantumbanaanexperiment!!!

Het verhaal nam me helemaal mee in de verwerking van het verlies van de mama van Stein. Ik las zo snel als ik een kinderboek lezen kon... en heb er op het einde zelfs een traan bij gelaten.

Wat ben ik blij dat ik dit mooi boek toch heb uitgelezen!

?"Er is een stukje hemel in jou en er is een stukje hemel in mij. We bestaan allemaal uit sterrenstof" ?

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## James says

'The Many Worlds of Albie Bright' (2016) by Christopher Edge.

This is a great story all about Albie Bright, quantum physics and the quest to find his mother who has recently passed away.

Aimed squarely at the pre-teen/YA demographic, 'Many Worlds' mixes science fact (all of which apparently accurate) with science fiction and fantasy with lots of fun. This is a great book for the open minded and imaginative reader of any age – with an interest science in general and quantum physics in particular.

'Many Worlds' deals very much at its heart, with grief, loss and the grieving and healing process – and whilst it is thought provoking and moving, it is also lots of fun. This is a book that deserves to be much more well-known and successful than it currently is.

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## Figgy says

Mum and Dad used to joke that their first date was one thousand metres beneath the moors. They went down the mine looking for dark matter – the invisible glue that sticks the universe together – and found each other instead. They got married and, skipping the embarrassing biology bit, eight months later I showed up. Albert Stephen Bright.

*The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* is told with a simple voice but it covers some rather tough topics, resulting in a book that's great for young or reluctant readers who are curious about quantum physics or who are



dealing with loss.

As we read along on Albie's adventures, we are given a brief look at such scientific theory as Schrodinger's cat, Many-Worlds Interpretation, and the Large Hadron Collider to name a few, as well as the exploration of said "many-worlds".

When I asked Mum why she needed such a big machine to look inside something so small, she told me that the Large Hadron Collider is like an underground race track for atoms, but where the winner is the one who has the biggest crash. In the collider, these tiny particles race round and round in circles getting faster and faster until they smash together at almost the speed of light. Mum said this creates a mini Big Bang – a bit like the one that made the universe – and by studying this Mum and Dad hoped to find out exactly how everything began.

We get to meet the various other versions of Albie and see the ways in which their world differs from his, whether that change be something as big as an additional planet in the solar system, or as small as a different chromosome.

**The rest of this review can be found [HERE!](#)**

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