

# The Book Nobody Read pdf

Owen Gingerich

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK THE BOOK NOBODY READ

1543 saw the publication of one of the most significant scientific works ever written: *De revolutionibus* (On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres), in which Nicolaus Copernicus presented a radically different structure of the cosmos by placing the sun, and not the earth, at the centre of the universe. But did anyone take notice? Harvard astrophysicist Owen Gingerich was intrigued by the bold claim made by Arthur Koestler in his bestselling *The Sleepwalkers* that sixteenth-century Europe paid little attention to the groundbreaking, but dense, masterpiece. Gingerich embarked on a thirty-year odyssey to examine every extant copy to prove Koestler wrong... Logging thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of miles Gingerich uncovered a treasure trove of material on the life of a book and the evolution of an idea. His quest led him to copies once owned by saints, heretics, and scallywags, by musicians and movie stars; some easily accessible, others almost lost to time, politics and the black market. Part biography of a book and a man, part bibliographic and bibliophilic quest, Gingerich's *The Book Nobody Read* is an utterly captivating piece of writing, a testament to the power both of books and the love of books.

## THE BOOK NOBODY READ: CHASING THE REVOLUTIONS OF NICOLAUS

Koestler referred to *De Rev* as "the book nobody read," and Gingerich was inspired to find out if that was really true. Except for the opening chapter on cosmology, *De Rev* is a murderously technical and geometrical treatise, and could only be understood by those well-trained in mathematics. *The Book Nobody Read* has 493 ratings and 55 reviews. Poo1987 said: This is a triumph of hard work. A vivid, hilarious, elaborated, considerably jargon-fr... Koestler referred to *De Rev* as "the book nobody read," and Gingerich was inspired to find out if that was really true. Except for the opening chapter on cosmology, *De Rev* is a murderously technical and geometrical treatise, and could only be understood by those well-trained in mathematics. The book flap blurb nails the book when it calls *The Book Nobody Read* "part biography of a book, part scientific exploration, [and] part bibliographic detective story." The blurb writer could have tossed in adventure story, too. Furthermore, as Gingerich is a historian of astronomy, *The Book Nobody Read* is about his profession, and as he pursues his quest, the reader learns much about such great Copernican scholars as. The book nobody read. It is the story of a historian of sciences who wonders how many people have actually read the book *Revolutions* by Copernicus, when it was published, five hundred years ago. Who. Books in secret codes, books in mysterious ancient languages

no one knows, and books that have been lost to history. Find out more about our favourite books that nobody can read in our latest blog. Part biography of a book, part scientific exploration, part bibliographic detective story, The Book Nobody Read recolors the history of cosmology and offers new appreciation of the enduring power of an extraordinary book and its ideas. The title of this book is taken from a statement made by Arthur Koestler: in his 1959 book, *The Sleepwalkers*, he called Nicholas Copernicus' 1543 tome, *De revolutionibus*, "the book that nobody read". Now, in a bibliographical tour de force, Owen Gingerich proves him wrong. 80 books based on 52 votes: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Coup d'Etat* by Ben Coes, *The Short Life of Sparrows* by Emm Cole, *The Hunter* by Tom Wood, . THE BOOK NOBODY READ. Chasing the Revolutions of Nicolaus Copernicus. By Owen Gingerich. Illustrated. 306 pp. Walker & Company. \$25. During the lifetime of Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543. June 2005 Sarah Statz nonfiction *The Book Nobody Read: Chasing the Revolutions of Nicolaus Copernicus* by Owen Gingerich Much like the annotated first and second editions of the revolutionary sixteenth-century text he spent a large part of his lifetime tracking down, the most fascinating details of Owen Gingerich's *The Book Nobody Read: Chasing the Revolutions of Nicolaus Copernicus* are those. *The Book Nobody Read: Chasing the Revolutions of Nicolaus Copernicus* tells the story of Gingerich's quest across three continents and 30 years. Part mystery, part journey of discovery, part history, Gingerich's book is an intriguing look at the founders of our scientific tradition and their impact on the modern world. Judging by the enthusiastic reception of both *The Census* and *The Book Nobody Read*, Gingerich's chase is already engendering others, which extend well beyond the boundaries of the scholarly community, and into those of librarians, auctioneers, lawyers, even the FBI. In 1959, in chapter II of *The Sleepwalkers*, titled "The System of Copernicus", Arthur Koestler wrote that: "The book that nobody read - the *Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres* - was and is an all-time worst-seller."

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