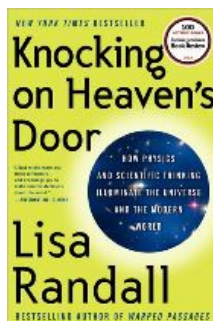


## Knocking on Heaven's Door

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Reviewed by Michael Barton



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