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Genius at Play

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Audible Studios on Brilliance, United States, 2015. CD-Audio. Book Condition: New. Unabridged. 170 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New. Conway is a creative genius. (Martin Gardner) An unabashed original, John Horton Conway is Archimedes, Mick Jagger, Salvador Dali, and Richard Feynman all rolled into one a singular mathematician with a rock star s charisma, a sly sense of humor, a polymath s promiscuous curiosity, and a burning desire to explain everything about the world to everyone in it. Born in Liverpool in 1937, Conway found fame as a barefoot Cambridge professor. He discovered the Conway groups in mathematical symmetry and invented the aptly named surreal numbers as well as the cult classic Game of Life more than a cool fad, Life demonstrates how simplicity generates complexity, and the game provides an analogy for all mathematics and the entire universe. Moving to Princeton in 1987, as a mathemagician he deployed cards, ropes, dice, coat hangers, and even the odd Slinky as props to extend his winning imagination and share his mathy obsessions with signature contagion. He is a jet-setting ambassador at large for the beauties of all things mathematical. Genius at Play is an intimate investigation into the mind...



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