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READING LIST

Course Title: The Life and Times of Black Holes
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 20 Jan 2026 to 17 Feb 2026
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The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

| Author | Title |
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| Blundell, Katherine | <i>Black Holes: A Very Short Introduction</i> |
| Chown, Marcus | <i>Gravity: Cracking the Cosmic Code</i> |
| Hawking, Stephen | <i>A Brief History of Time</i> |
| Tyson, Neil deGrasse | <i>Astrophysics for People in a Hurry</i> |
| Tyson, Neil deGrasse | <i>Death by Black Hole: And Other Cosmic Quandaries</i> |