

Lesser-Known Facts About Stephen Hawking

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World-renowned physicist and author Stephen Hawking passed away this week at the age of 76. Though best known for his popular book *A Brief History of Time* and the unique voice provided by the computer he used to communicate after losing most of his motor functions to an advanced form of ALS, there's also a lot about Hawking's life that hasn't received widespread attention...

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- The original title of his book *A Brief History of Time* was *Whoa, Check This Shit Out!*. (Brandon)
- Always insisted that everyone within earshot also talk in a robot voice so he wouldn't feel bad. (Joe M.)
- While he outlived his initial ALS prognosis by over half a century, he was one punch shy of getting a free Subway sub when he died. (Jameson)
- Despite being all mouth and no trousers, he's a chuffed corker when it is time to do one's nut. (Note: Mike has been reading about British slang.) (Mike)
- He once roundhouse kicked Chuck Norris so hard it created a tear in the space-time continuum. (Matt)
- Knew nothing about hawks, and relatively little about Steves. (Brandon)
- It was impossible to get him to shut up about fantasy baseball. (Joe M.)
- In addition to Lou Gehrig's disease, he also had Lou Gehrig's wife on several occasions. (Jameson)
- He's the 3rd degree between Burt Reynolds and Kevin Bacon. (Matt)
- Once, while in graduate school, he ate his weight in moon rocks. (Mike)
- He could dunk. (Joe M.)
- In the movie about his life, *The Theory of Everything*, he was initially supposed to be portrayed by Larry the Cable Guy. (Brandon)
- While he lost control of most of his motor functions due to degenerative illness, he could lift a Buick sedan with his right cheek muscle. (Jameson)
- In addition to *A Brief History of Time*, he also wrote *A*

Motherfucking Lengthy History of Plantains. (Mike)

- Had a total mental block where he always confused comets and quasars. (Joe W.)
- Called pretty much everybody "Lou" for some reason. (Brandon)
- Had a YouTube page that was just videos of him intentionally rolling his wheelchair over the tails of sleeping pets. (Joe M.)
- He auditioned for *Dancing with the Stars*, but was cruelly rejected from the competition despite dancing more naturally than Tom DeLay. (Jameson)
- Was briefly one of the actors who portrayed Darrin on *Bewitched*. (Brandon)
- Holds the record for most googlies on Cambridge's Cricket squad. (Mike)
- Knew damn well the Earth was flat but was too embarrassed to say so. (Joe M.)

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