

# Einstein Iconography



## “I Discovered the Theory of Relativity and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt”

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His mug's on mugs,  
Bears wear his hair;  
Albert turns up everywhere.

His famed equation greets the eyes  
From every form of merchandise;  
T-shirts and ties he doth adorn.  
Is there Albert Einstein porn?

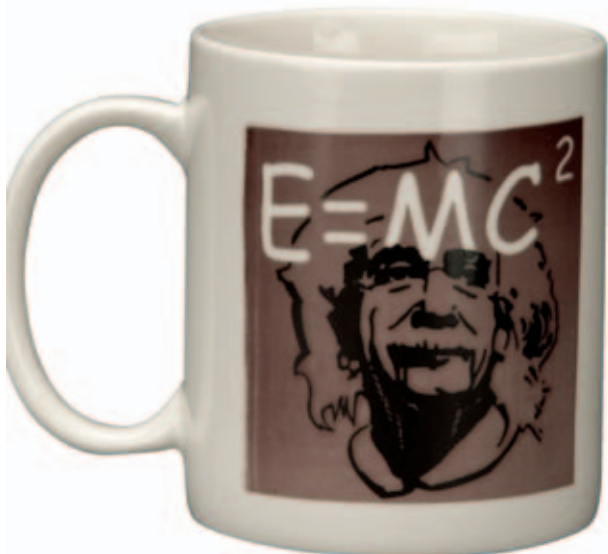
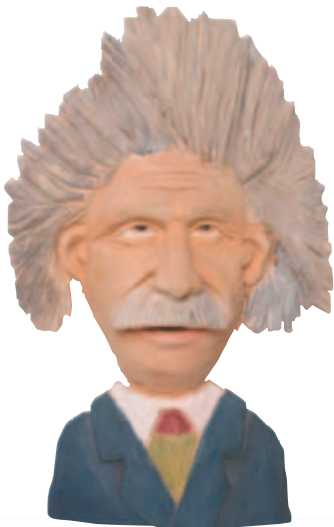
Tots and geezers recognize him;  
Every market sector buys him.  
The world, it seems, will never weary  
Of him and his relativity theory.

Year after year, folks take a likin'  
To Einstein as a cultural icon.  
Font of a vast commercial venture, he  
Made *Time* magazine's "Man of the Century."

Who'd have thought a patent clerk  
Would rise above that line of work  
To symbolize for humankind  
The greatness of the human mind?

That hair, that tongue, that life, that brain—  
Remind us of all we might attain.  
Would Albert E. have found it rich  
To have become the king of kitsch?





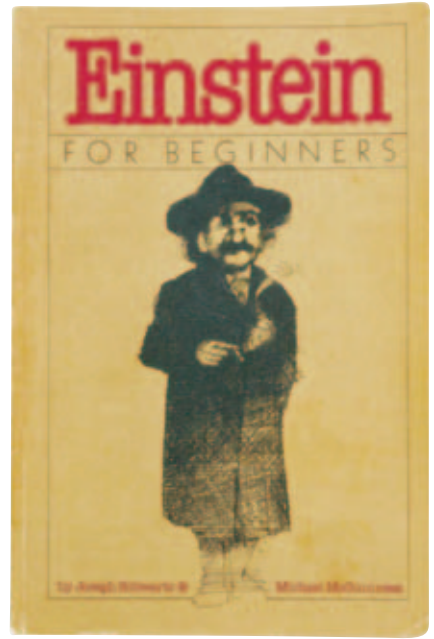


“ Thus on three levels a summing-up of Einstein, decades after his death, can claim that as a physicist his genius is quite undiluted by modern techniques that can test his theories with a rigor unimaginable in his own day; that his influence on public affairs, certainly pervasive but of a strength less than he would have wished, was of a kind to be applauded by all those who still retain hope for the human race; and that as a human being the reality of his life equaled the myth. No man of his intellectual ability, no man who had so decisively changed the concepts of the universe, could hope for more. ”

*Einstein: The Life and Times, Ronald W. Clark*







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