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Book Review

At a first glance this book, by physicist turned science writer Gordon Fraser, is supposed to be about the physics and life of theoretical and particle physicist *Abdus Salam*. In reality it is that and much more. *Cosmic Anger* introduces the reader to the inner details of the events, developments, and personalities that produced one of the most important and successful –post quantum mechanical– theories... the *standard model* of particle physics. In a lucid and engaging style Fraser describes how the collaboration of Salam and the nomadic genius *John C. Ward* yielded a number of crucial papers in the 1959–1964 period that gave us the synthesis of electromagnetic and weak interactions. Fraser’s well researched contribution provides a transparent description on the creation of the standard model that merits attention from physicists and historians alike. *Cosmic Anger* is highly recommended.

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