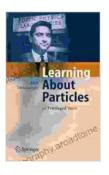
# **Learning About Particles: 50 Privileged Years**

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This book celebrates the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the Higgs boson. It is a comprehensive and accessible to the world of particle physics, written by leading experts in the field. The book covers the history of particle physics, the Standard Model, the Large Hadron Collider, and the discovery of the Higgs boson. It also discusses the future of particle physics and the challenges that lie ahead.



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#### The History of Particle Physics

Particle physics is the study of the fundamental constituents of matter and the forces that act between them. The first particle to be discovered was the electron, which was identified by J.J. Thomson in 1897. In the early

20th century, physicists discovered a number of other particles, including the proton, the neutron, and the photon.

In the 1960s, physicists developed the Standard Model of particle physics. The Standard Model is a theory that describes the fundamental forces and particles that make up the universe. The Standard Model has been extremely successful in explaining a wide range of experimental results, and it is considered to be one of the most successful theories in science.

#### **The Standard Model**

The Standard Model is a gauge theory that describes the fundamental forces and particles that make up the universe. The Standard Model is based on the idea that all matter is made up of elementary particles called quarks and leptons. Quarks and leptons are grouped into three generations, with each generation containing two quarks and two leptons.

The Standard Model also includes four fundamental forces: the electromagnetic force, the weak force, the strong force, and the gravitational force. The electromagnetic force is responsible for the interactions between charged particles, the weak force is responsible for the interactions between radioactive particles, the strong force is responsible for the interactions between atomic nuclei, and the gravitational force is responsible for the interactions between all objects with mass.

### The Large Hadron Collider

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator. The LHC is located at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland. The LHC was built to collide

protons at very high energies, and it has been used to discover the Higgs boson and other new particles.

The LHC is a complex machine, and it took many years to build and commission. The LHC is now operating at its full energy, and it is expected to continue to operate for many years to come. The LHC is a major scientific instrument, and it is expected to play a key role in our understanding of the fundamental nature of matter.

### The Discovery of the Higgs Boson

The Higgs boson is a massive elementary particle that is responsible for giving other particles their mass. The Higgs boson was predicted by the Standard Model of particle physics, but it was not discovered until 2012. The Higgs boson was discovered at the LHC by the ATLAS and CMS experiments.

The discovery of the Higgs boson was a major scientific breakthrough. It confirmed the Standard Model of particle physics, and it opened up new avenues of research into the fundamental nature of matter. The Higgs boson is a unique particle, and it is still being studied by physicists around the world.

## The Future of Particle Physics

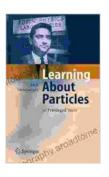
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The LHC is expected to continue to play a major role in particle physics research. The LHC is scheduled to undergo a major upgrade in the coming years, and it is expected to be able to reach even higher energies. The LHC upgrade is expected to allow physicists to search for new particles and forces beyond the Standard Model.

Particle physics is a rapidly evolving field, and there are many exciting discoveries on the horizon. The future of particle physics is bright, and it is expected to continue to play a major role in our understanding of the fundamental nature of matter.

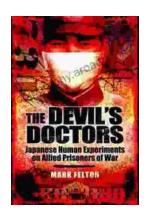
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