

Something Survives

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Something Survives by Milton E. Brener ponders the intriguing idea that memory and reincarnation have mysterious ties to quantum physics.

The book is a follow-up to Brener's *Our Quantum World and Reincarnation*. Both books hypothesize that the concept of entanglement in quantum physics—that certain groups of atomic particles can become inextricably linked—is why some babies are born with memories of a previous life. This book expands and updates his previous work, including the work of additional researchers and case studies. Stories from real people make up its most intriguing sections, providing a sense of urgency beyond the more academic findings. The story of a two-year-old Icelandic boy who began talking about a man on a tractor who died is provocative, particularly given the backstory that a young man died that way eight days before the boy was born.

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Brener is a retired trial lawyer and shares his fascination with quantum physics and reincarnation for others who are just as meticulously intrigued as he is. His tone of awe and curiosity fuels his research and his desire to share what he's learned. This perspective from outside scientific fields makes his approach feel welcoming to people of all backgrounds.

Brener's generally simple language makes much of the book easy for anyone to understand, but some wordiness and extraneous phrasing slow and disrupt the flow of ideas. Awe-inspiring narratives of memory transfer could be a fascinating bridge to quantum physics for those less apt to delve into such an overwhelming science on their own, but variations in the tone and flow of the text threaten those connections. This book also proves to be heavily referential to the author's previous book, making it seem like reading that title is essential, rather than simply helpful, for understanding.

The interior has large type and small margins that make the pages feel crowded. A subtitle would be helpful to give a more upfront sense of the premise and topic of the book, so those interested in quantum physics or reincarnation more quickly see that this book will be interesting to them.

Something Survives continues Brener's quest to unravel the mysteries of the quantum physics of reincarnation for people who are not physicists.

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