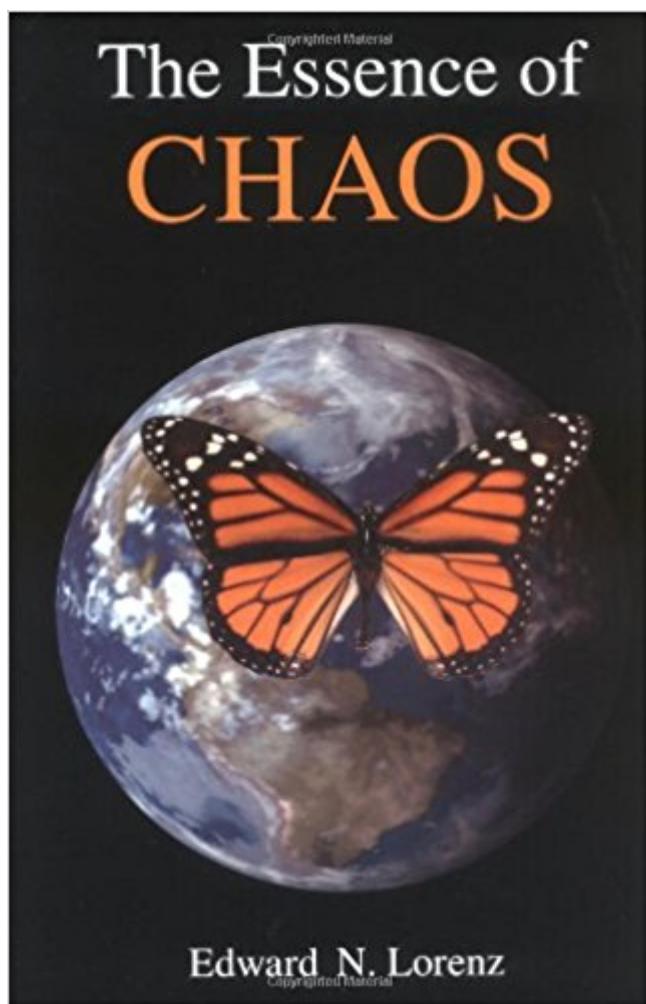


The book was found

# The Essence Of Chaos (Jessie And John Danz Lectures)



## Synopsis

The study of chaotic systems has become a major scientific pursuit in recent years, shedding light on the apparently random behaviour observed in fields as diverse as climatology and mechanics. In *The Essence of Chaos* Edward Lorenz, one of the founding fathers of Chaos and the originator of its seminal concept of the Butterfly Effect, presents his own landscape of our current understanding of the field. Lorenz presents everyday examples of chaotic behaviour, such as the toss of a coin, the pinball's path, the fall of a leaf, and explains in elementary mathematical terms how their essentially chaotic nature can be understood. His principal example involved the construction of a model of a board sliding down a ski slope. Through this model Lorenz illustrates chaotic phenomena and the related concepts of bifurcation and strange attractors. He also provides the context in which chaos can be related to the similarly emergent fields of nonlinearity, complexity and fractals. As an early pioneer of chaos, Lorenz also provides his own story of the human endeavour in developing this new field. He describes his initial encounters with chaos through his study of climate and introduces many of the personalities who contributed early breakthroughs. His seminal paper, "Does the Flap of a Butterfly's Wing in Brazil Set Off a Tornado in Texas?" is published for the first time.

## Book Information

Series: Jessie and John Danz Lectures

Paperback: 227 pages

Publisher: University of Washington Press; 1 edition (March 30, 1995)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0295975148

ISBN-13: 978-0295975146

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 6.2 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars 20 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #914,717 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #106 in Books > Science & Math > Physics > Chaos Theory #259 in Books > Science & Math > Physics > System Theory #532 in Books > Science & Math > Mathematics > Applied > Differential Equations

## Customer Reviews

"For the personal glimpses of chaos theory development alone, this book is worthwhile; for a clear, sharp development of the subject, the book is excellent; and for tying humanistic and scientific considerations together so well, there is a major debt owed to Lorenz." •Geophysics" Lorenz has

produced a wonderfully accessible book on the ideas and story of chaos. The book is superbly written providing delightful intellectual entertainment."•Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society" In giving a nontechnical but careful account of the field of dynamical systems and 'chaos,' and setting it in a broader scientific context, Lorenz has .. communicate[d] the nature of the mathematical sciences and how mathematics contributes to society."•SIAM Review"[A] unique chronicle of the insights of one of the founding fathers of this still burgeoning field."•American Journal of Physics

'For the personal glimpses of chaos theory development alone, this book is worth-while; for a clear, sharp development of the subject, the book is excellent; and for tying humanistic and scientific considerations together so well, there is a major debt owed to Lorenz.'--Geophysics

Chaos is not randomness and randomness is not chaos. Ed Lorenz, one of the founding fathers of chaos theory, has produced a book aimed at explaining chaos theory to the public, starting and ending on the same point- common usage has incorrectly rendered "chaotic" and "random" to be synonyms. Randomness implies that there are no equations to govern the evolution of a system, while chaos implies that the system is incredibly sensitive to its initial conditions, but there are equations behind the curtain. A pinball machine, flipping coins, tossing dice, and the global weather are all examples of chaotic systems, despite what your math teachers might have told you. Along the way you get a small dose of the history of the field and the relevant higher-level mathematics. Lorenz does, I think, a pretty good job of explaining the subject. The more mathematically inclined reader will find all the details and differential equations in the appendix of the book, but for the most part you do not need to have that much of a mathematical background to understand the main points of the book. Sometimes the explanations do get a little hairy, and might require a second read. Lorenz makes analogies with simple systems and everyday occurrences (such as a pinball machine and skiing down moguls) in engaging language mostly free of jargon. I would recommend this book if you are interested in learning about the basics of chaos theory. I haven't yet read Gleick's famous Chaos: Making a New Science, but this seems like an excellent place to start.

If your interest in Chaos was piqued by Gleick's book on the subject, you may have found it unsatisfying. While it conveyed an enthusiasm for chaos, it only superficially answered questions about what characterizes a chaotic system. "The Essence of Chaos" is a much better book for

gaining an understanding of chaos, mainly because it includes a discussion of the mathematics. Both authors strive to avoid mathematics as much as possible, but in the end, I believe Lorenz achieves a better balance. He only touches lightly on the math, but without that, it's impossible to understand what makes a system chaotic. He doesn't quite go so far as to show a practical application of chaos theory, but a clear and concise example of that probably doesn't exist yet. But, he does achieve the goal of demonstrating and examining the fascinating characteristics of a chaotic system.

Having read several books about Chaos Theory, and having been promised a user-friendly and yet academic book on the subject, this book fell a little short. Certainly academic, not so easy for someone who does not have a solid background in the sciences and mathematics fields. The various sections cover much of the recent research, and if you can get past the equations, you get a more complete sense of the progression in the subject.

Interesting subject but of necessity complex. Still worth the read though.

This book exceeded my expectations, and the in-depth discussion of chaos theory and sensitive dependence on initial conditions was extremely intriguing.

thank you

It is for me a reference book. I keep going back to it and propose it to others. I could read it and understand although I am not an expert

good job

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Essence Of Chaos (Jessie and John Danz Lectures) Jessie: Crush Crazy (Jessie Junior Novel Book 3) Jessie: Livin' the Life (Jessie Junior Novel Book 1) Jessie: New Nanny (Jessie Junior Novel Book 2) Fatal Defense (A Jessie Black Legal Thriller) (Jessie Black Legal Thrillers Book 4) [ DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS, AND AN INTRODUCTION TO CHAOS BY Hirsch, Morris W. ( Author ) Mar-26-2012 ] By Hirsch, Morris W. ( Author ) [ 2012 ) [ Paperback ] Chaos, Territory, Art: Deleuze and the Framing of the Earth (The Wellek Library Lectures) The Feynman Lectures on

Physics, Vol. II: The New Millennium Edition: Mainly Electromagnetism and Matter: Volume 2 (Feynman Lectures on Physics (Paperback)) The Feynman Lectures on Physics, Vol. II: The New Millennium Edition: Mainly Electromagnetism and Matter (Feynman Lectures on Physics (Paperback)) (Volume 2) Lectures on Antitrust Economics (Cairol Lectures) Condensed Chaos: An Introduction to Chaos Magic Galois Theory: Lectures Delivered at the University of Notre Dame by Emil Artin (Notre Dame Mathematical Lectures, Number 2) Own the Wind: A Chaos Novel (The Chaos Series Book 1) Feynman Lectures Simplified 4A: Math for Physicists (Everyoneâ™s Guide to the Feynman Lectures on Physics Book 12) Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers the Three Great Streams of History The Feynman Lectures on Physics, Vol. III: The New Millennium Edition: Quantum Mechanics: Volume 3 (Feynman Lectures on Physics (Paperback)) The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the CollÃ"ge de France, 1978--1979 (Lectures at the College de France) McDougal Littell CLE International: Lectures CLE faciles Level 2 Michel Strogoff (Lectures Cle En Francais Facile: Niveau 1) REAL DEAL COWGIRL: Jessie Quinn and Dejni Adventures Chasing Yesterday: For Jessie, love isn't an option

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)