

*The Physics of Jazz* by Stephon Alexander

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This book broadened my understanding of how everything and everyone is interconnected. The result was a burst of creativity and expanding my musical interests to listen to John Coltrane, and other jazz greats. While I was listening to interstellar jazz, my pastel painting went beyond landscape, something I had wanted to do since I began 3 years ago. Geometric forms and lots of color!

It has also reignited my interest in biographies of great scientists, and their take on the cosmos. Did you know that Einstein and Coltrane corresponded at the end of their lives? That Feynman was a drummer and hung out in jazz clubs while working on his theories? I am now in the middle of the *Soul of Genius* by Jeffrey Orens, about Marie Curie and Einstein meeting and changing the course of science.

The Jazz of Physics gave me a spark of energy that has helped reveal that the mysteries of the cosmos are in the creative outlet each of us enjoys. Great reads by the fire!