



Invisible: The Dangerous Allure of the Unseen

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Chicago. 1 Cloth(s), 2015. hard. Book Condition: New. If offered the chance by cloak, spell, or superpower to be invisible, who wouldn't want to give it a try? We are drawn to the idea of stealthy voyeurism and the ability to conceal our own acts, but as desirable as it may seem, invisibility is also dangerous. It is not just an optical phenomenon, but a condition full of ethical questions. As science writer Philip Ball reveals in this book, the story of invisibility is not so much a matter of how it might be achieved but of why we want it and what we would do with it." A former editor at Nature and the author of 19 previous books (he should write about that superpower), Ball leads us on a very fun, largely chronological journey through invisibility, beginning with myth and early magicians, ending with quantum physics, and stopping along the way at Newton, Leibniz, microscopy, photography, spiritualism, B movies, and science fiction. He is lucid and interesting on every topic he touches, from the ghost in Hamlet to those unseen extra dimensions posited by string theory." The New Yorker 320.



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