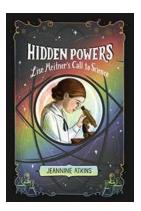
## Unveiling the Hidden Powers of Lise Meitner: Her Enduring Call to Science



In the realm of scientific research, certain individuals arise who possess the power to reshape the boundaries of human knowledge. Lise Meitner, an Austrian-Swedish physicist, was undoubtedly one such individual. Her significant contributions to nuclear physics and her relentless pursuit of scientific breakthroughs have left an indelible mark on the world.

#### Lise Meitner's Journey

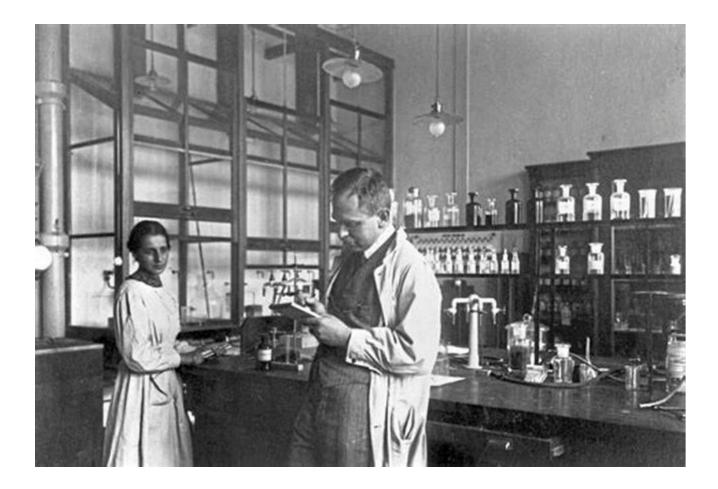
Born on November 7, 1878, in Vienna, Austria, Lise Meitner revealed her profound fascination with science from an early age. Despite facing societal prejudices that discouraged female involvement in academic pursuits, she defied the norms and embarked on a remarkable journey to unveil the secrets of the universe.



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Meitner's talent for physics became evident during her studies at the University of Vienna, where she was mentored by renowned physicist Ludwig Boltzmann. Her brilliance shone through as she consistently ranked at the top of her class.



#### **Breaking Barriers and Discovering the Nuclear Fission**

During her distinguished career, Lise Meitner faced numerous challenges, both professionally and personally. Despite being denied a faculty position at the University of Vienna due to her gender, she continued to push the boundaries of scientific understanding alongside her collaborator Otto Hahn.

The duo's most significant breakthrough came in 1938 when they discovered nuclear fission, a process that revolutionized nuclear physics and eventually led to the development of atomic weapons. The discovery opened up a realm of possibilities that would shape the course of history forever.

#### **Escape from Nazi Germany**

As the political climate in Nazi Germany intensified, Lise Meitner, who was Jewish, faced grave threats to her safety. Recognizing the urgency, she fled to Sweden in 1938. Despite the physical distance, her scientific collaborations with Hahn continued, and their pioneering work on nuclear fission gained worldwide recognition.

Although Hahn received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1944 for their research, Meitner's omission from the honor caused great controversy. Her contribution to the groundbreaking discovery was undeniably crucial, yet her accomplishments were overshadowed by the gender bias and discrimination prevalent at the time.

#### Legacy and Recognition

Despite the many obstacles she faced, Lise Meitner's immense contributions to science have not been forgotten. Her legacy serves as a catalyst for empowering women in STEM fields, inspiring countless young researchers to pursue their dreams and push the boundaries of knowledge.



In recognition of her groundbreaking work, Meitner has received numerous posthumous accolades. Several awards and honors now bear her name, ensuring that her legacy as a pioneer in nuclear physics remains firmly etched in history.

Lise Meitner's journey as a physicist exemplifies resilience, determination, and an unyielding passion for scientific discovery. Her unwavering commitment to unraveling the mysteries of the universe, despite facing immense societal and gender-based challenges, stands as a testament to the remarkable hidden powers within her.

Today, as we reflect on her invaluable contributions to science, let us remember the extraordinary legacy of Lise Meitner and strive to create a world that nurtures and celebrates the hidden powers within each individual, regardless of gender or background.



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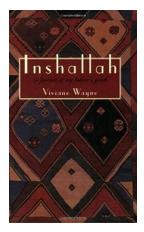
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From the acclaimed author of Finding Wonders and Grasping Mysteries comes a gorgeously written biography in verse about the pioneering Jewish woman physicist whose scientific prowess changed the course of World War II.

At the turn of the 20th century, Lise Meitner dreamed of becoming a scientist. In her time, girls were not supposed to want careers, much less ones in science. But Lise was smart—and determined. She earned a PhD in physics, then became the first woman physics professor at the University of Berlin. The work was thrilling, but Nazi Germany was a dangerous place for a Jewish woman. When the risks grew too great, Lise escaped to Sweden, where she continued the experiments that she and her laboratory partner had worked on for years. Her efforts led to the discovery of nuclear fission and altered the course of history.

Only Lise's partner, a man, received the Nobel Prize for their findings, but this moving and accessible biography shows how Lise's legacy endures.



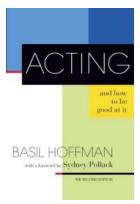
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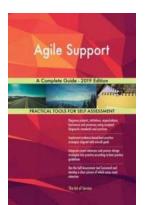


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