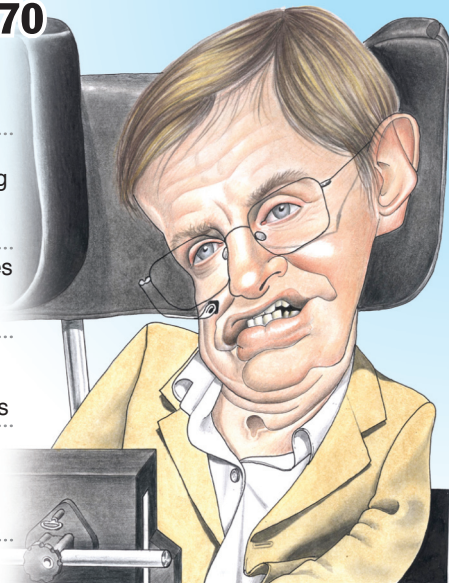


Stephen Hawking is 70

- **1942:** Born January 8, in Oxford, England, on 300th anniversary of Galileo's death
- **1963:** Diagnosed with motor neurone disease soon after arriving at Cambridge University to do PhD in cosmology
- **1974:** Calculates that black holes emit radiation, and eventually evaporate and disappear
- **1979:** Appointed **Lucasian Professor of Mathematics** at Cambridge. Holds post for 30 years
- **1985:** Undergoes emergency tracheotomy after contracting pneumonia. Uses electronic voice synthesiser to communicate
- **1988:** Publishes **A Brief History of Time**, which sells over 10 million copies
- **2007:** Makes sub-orbital spaceflight, becoming first quadriplegic to float in zero-gravity



- **Awards:** Include 12 honorary degrees, Albert Einstein Medal, CBE, Companion of Honour, Presidential Medal of Freedom. Fellow of Royal Society and Member of U.S. National Academy of Sciences