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Sean Connolly is the author of *The Book of Totally Irresponsible Science*, *The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science*, and *The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math*, and dozens of other books for both children and adults. A father of three, he is in an ideal position to explain the nuts and bolts of these experiments.

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