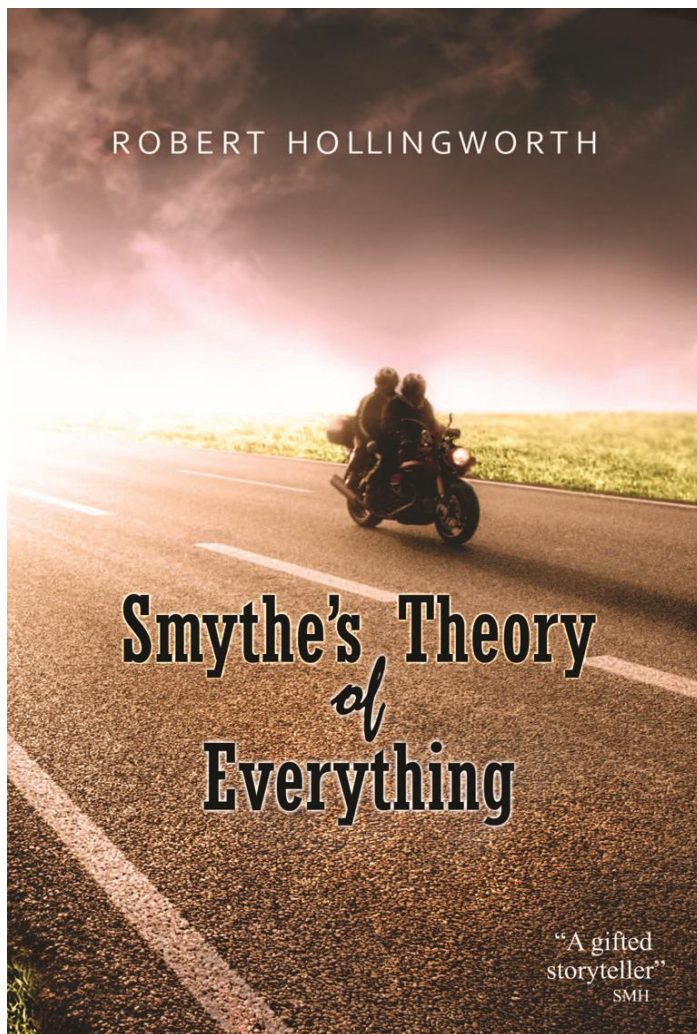


Smythe's Theory of Everything

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In 2004 the author discovered a little diary of 365 pages in an abandoned house. It was written by a sixty-two-year-old man who had been forcibly placed in a nursing home. This book is inspired by that diary.

“Hollingworth continues his exploration of the voice seldom heard in this moving tale about youth, aging and self-redemption.”



E=mc²? Jack Smythe thinks Einstein is wrong and he has a theory to prove it. But he's no physicist. Instead, he's been a homeless kid, a palmreader, a cosmic theorist, a father of two (who probably aren't his) and a devoted companion to his sister Kitty who has her own demons. But now at 62, he wakes after an operation to find he's been placed at *Eden*, a below-average nursing home.

Here he is confronted by Nurse Stinson, Collier the Hun, Pistol Pete, Skeleton Joe, Dooley the publican, Jim the ex-politician and Jim's rebel granddaughter, among others. He wants nothing to do with any of them.

Instead, with wry wit Jack begins a story about Kitty starting with the day they ran away from home for good. It seems Jack is always running away and ultimately there's a daring escape at the nursing home. But unknown to Jack, it's the "muddle of geriatrics" at *Eden* that will eventually put meaning in his life.