

Highlights and doubts after reading Chapter 1 (Part 1 of 2)

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Quote

P5 There is a mention about "the thirty-seven books on Physics". **What is this referring to?**

This is an easy one before I head of to bed this evening 😊

In the [10th book of Diogenes Laertius' Lives](#), he gives the list of Epicurus's books he's written. In that list (starting in section 27), the first work written by Epicurus is:

Quote

Of Nature, thirty-seven books

The Greek is Περὶ Φύσεως "Peri Physeōs" "On Nature" and since the second word looks similar to Physics, some translate it that way.

It is theorized that Lucretius based his poem *De Rerum Natura* "On The Nature of Things" on the outline of Epicurus's *On Nature/Physics*.

I'm sure others will weigh in on your questions, and I'm looking forward to contributing as well.