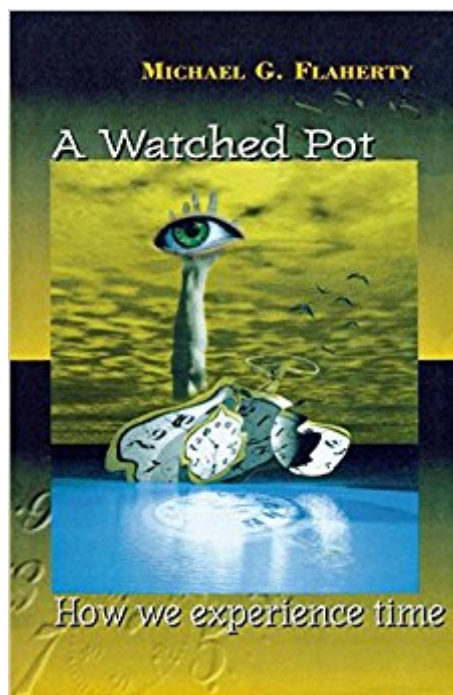


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The style: a clever high-school student's essay. Formulaic. Exhaustive. The writing: from one professor to another. Cold. Impressive unnecessary vocabulary usage. Goal: to reinforce in five hundred examples what you already know about time duration. It's like a pointless term paper posing as a breakthrough academic study. I guess I was expecting something stimulating about how our brain creates "time" through processes and orders. Turns out the title was the only thing clever about the book. But it is relatively short, so if you're bored and want to personally experience

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