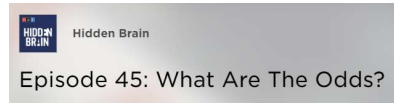


Coincidences

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- **Coincidences**
 - Meeting someone with a connection to you in an unexpected place
- **Whisper**
 - Lauren's story – why is this not a coincidence?

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Coincidence

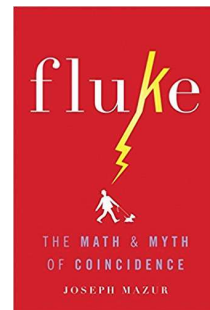


- 1 winter break
 - (out of many)
- 1 tourist attraction
 - (out of several)
- See 1 work colleague
 - (out of hundreds)

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Likelihood of Coincidence

- My address book is a small % of everyone I know
- So chances of running into someone I know is bigger than I think
- Odds that Gretchen will win lottery 4x vs. odds that someone will win lottery 4x



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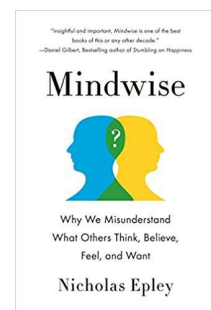
Sampling Frame

- **A priori**
 - Chance that I'll run into someone I know from work during one of my vacations during my life
- **A posteriori**
 - Chance that I'll run into Dorothy at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary near Naples FL during my trip there in December 2014

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- Attribute intentionality to out-of-ordinary, unpredictable natural events
- Try to explain coincidences by reading more meaning into them than there is
- See patterns where there isn't any
- Hot hand illusion



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