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A renowned physicist and author of the bestseller *One Two Three . . . Infinity*, George Gamow is one of the founders of the Big Bang theory.

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