

Final topic: **impact of unique unpredictable events**

2007 bestseller *The Black Swan: The impact of the highly improbable* by Nassim Taleb.

“ . . . rarity, extreme impact, and retrospective (though not prospective) predictability. A small number of Black Swans explain almost everything in our world . . . ”

My humorous description: like the *da Vinci Code* written by Humpty Dumpty.

My serious description: lots of ideas; some wrong, many right, some genuinely thought-provoking. But ideas supported by anecdote and polemic, not by empirical data and logical argument.