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Presents a survey of the history and evolution of the use of numbers and numerical quantities by different civilizations around the world.

Excerpts from and citations to reviews of more than 8,000 books each year, drawn from coverage of 109 publications. Book Review Digest provides citations to and excerpts of reviews of current juvenile and adult fiction and nonfiction in the English language. Reviews of the following types of books are excluded: government publications, textbooks, and technical books in the sciences and law. Reviews of books on science for the general reader, however, are included. The reviews originate in a group of selected periodicals in the humanities, social sciences, and general science published in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. - Publisher.

Discusses science literacy, recommends reference resources, and presents annotated bibliographies for nine subject areas featuring print and nonprint titles

Edited by acclaimed science writer and physicist James Trefil, the Encyclopedia's 1000 entries combine in-depth coverage with a vivid graphic format to bring every facet of science, technology, and medicine into stunning focus. From absolute zero to the Mesozoic era to semiconductors to the twin paradox, Trefil and his co-authors have an uncanny ability to convey how the universe works and to show readers how to apply that knowledge to everyday problems.

Now anyone can understand what the mathematical geniuses are thinking . . . . * How topologists figured out the way to turn a smokestack into a bowling ball -- and why. * How game theorists discovered that to elect the candidate of your choice you must sometimes vote for his opponent. * How computer theorists intend to create a robot that will think for itself -- and do all the housework. * How cryptographers have been laboring since 1822 to decipher a map that will lead to a buried treasure worth millions of dollars. Archimedes' Revenge takes the reader on a guided tour of the world of contemporary mathematics and makes its infinite marvels comprehensible, relevant, and fun. "A breezy and lighthearted account of a number of topics in and around the periphery of mathematics . . . Mr. Hoffman approaches mathematics as a storyteller, and a good one." -- The New York Times Book Review "From the Paperback edition.

This book is a reference for librarians, mathematicians, and statisticians involved in college and research level mathematics and statistics in the 21st century. We are in a time of transition in scholarly communications in mathematics, practices which have changed little for a hundred years are giving way to new modes of accessing information. Where journals, books, indexes and catalogs were once the physical representation of a good mathematics library, shelves have given way to computers, and users are often accessing information from remote places. Part I is a historical survey of the past 15 years tracking this huge transition in scholarly communications in mathematics. Part II of the book is the bibliography of resources recommended to support the disciplines of mathematics and statistics. These are grouped by type of material. Publication dates range from the 1800's onwards. Hundreds of electronic resources-some online, both dynamic and static, some in fixed media, are listed among the paper resources. Amazingly a majority of listed electronic resources are free.

Lack of ability to think probabilistically makes one prone to a variety of irrational fears and vulnerable to scams designed to exploit probabilistic naïveté , impairs decision making under uncertainty, facilitates the misinterpretation of statistical information, and precludes critical evaluation of likelihood claims. Cognition and Chance presents an overview of the information needed to avoid such pitfalls and to assess and respond to probabilistic situations in a rational way. Dr. Nickerson investigates such questions as how good individuals are at thinking probabilistically and how consistent their reasoning under uncertainty is with principles of mathematical statistics and probability theory. He reviews evidence that has been produced in researchers' attempts to investigate these and similar types of questions. Seven conceptual chapters address such topics as probability, chance, randomness, coincidences, inverse probability, paradoxes, dilemmas, and statistics. The remaining five chapters focus on empirical studies of individuals' abilities and limitations as probabilistic thinkers. Topics include

estimation and prediction, perception of covariation, choice under uncertainty, and people as intuitive probabilists. Cognition and Chance is intended to appeal to researchers and students in the areas of probability, statistics, psychology, business, economics, decision theory, and social dilemmas.

Classroom-tested strategies to help new and experienced math teachers thrive Math teachers must not only instruct their students in basic mathematical skills and concepts, they must also prepare them for standardized tests, provide instruction in the use of technology, and teach problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. At the same time, they must also manage their other responsibilities – taking attendance, planning, grading, record-keeping, disciplining, and communicating with parents and administrators. This book provides efficient and practical information on the management skills necessary to succeed in this most challenging profession. Offers realistic suggestions and strategies for planning and delivering effective math instruction Helps math teachers achieve excellence and continue to be enthusiastic and successful in their teaching careers Includes reproducible forms to help math teachers stay on top of everything they need to do The Math Teacher's Survival Guide contains a wealth of useful tools and strategies that can help any math teacher succeed in the classroom.

Many of us know little about Archimedes other than his "Eureka" exclamation upon discovering that he could immerse an object in a full tub of water and measure the spillage to determine the object's weight. That seemingly simple observation not only proved to King Hieron II of Syracuse that a certain amount of silver had been used in what was supposed to be his solid-gold crown, it established the key principles of buoyancy that govern the flotation of hot-air balloons, ships, and denizens of the sea. Archimedes had a profound impact on the development of mathematics and science: from square roots to irrigation devices; planetariums to the stability of ships; polyhedra to pulleys; number systems to levers; the value of pi to the size of the universe. Yet this same cerebral man developed machines of war so fearsome, they might have sprung from a devil's darkest imagination - indeed, weapons that held at bay the greatest army of antiquity. Ironically, Archimedes' reputation swelled to mythic proportions in the ancient world for his feats of engineering: the hand-cranked irrigation device, commonly known as "Archimedes' screw," and his ingenuous use of levers, pulleys, and ropes to pull, single-handedly, a fully laden ship! His treatises, rediscovered after a thousand years of collective amnesia in Europe, guided nascent thinkers out of the Dark Ages and into the Renaissance. Indeed, Archimedes' cumulative record of achievement-both in breadth and sophistication-places him among the exalted ranks of Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci, Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein. Eureka Man brings to life for general readers the genius of Archimedes, offering succinct and understandable explanations of some of his more important discoveries and innovations.

New Scientist magazine was launched in 1956 "for all those men and women who are interested in scientific discovery, and in its industrial, commercial and social consequences". The brand's mission is no different today - for its consumers, New Scientist reports, explores and interprets the results of human endeavour set in the context of society and culture.

$x^n + y^n = z^n$, where n represents 3, 4, 5, no solution "I have discovered a truly marvelous demonstration of this proposition which this margin is too narrow to contain." With these words, the seventeenth-century French mathematician Pierre de Fermat threw down the gauntlet to future generations. What came to be known as Fermat's Last Theorem looked simple: proving it, however, became the Holy Grail of mathematics, baffling its finest minds for more than 350 years. In Fermat's Enigma--based on the author's award-winning documentary film, which aired on PBS's "Nova"--Simon Singh tells the astonishingly entertaining story of the pursuit of that grail, and the lives that were devoted to, sacrificed for, and saved by it. Here is a mesmerizing tale of heartbreak and mastery that will forever change your feelings about mathematics.

The biography of a mathematical genius. Paul Erdos was the most prolific pure mathematician in history and, arguably, the strangest too. 'A mathematical genius of the first order, Paul Erdos was totally obsessed with his subject -- he thought and wrote mathematics for nineteen hours a day until he died. He travelled constantly, living out of a plastic bag and had no interest in food, sex, companionship, art -- all that is usually indispensible to a human life. Paul Hoffman, in this marvellous biography, gives us a vivid and strangely moving portrait of this singular creature, one that brings out not only Erdos's genius and his oddness, but his warmth and sense of fun, the joyfulness of his strange life.' Oliver Sacks For six decades Erdos had no job, no hobbies, no wife, no home; he never learnt to cook, do laundry, drive a car and died a virgin. Instead he travelled the world with his mother in tow, arriving at the doorstep of esteemed mathematicians declaring 'My brain is open'. He travelled until his death at 83, racing across four continents to prove as many theorems as possible, fuelled by a diet of espresso and amphetamines. With more than 1,500 papers written or co-written,

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Advances in Computer Games, ACG 2005, held in Taipei, Taiwan, in September 2005 in conjunction with the 10th Computer Olympiad. It contains 20 papers that cover all aspects of artificial intelligence in computer-game playing.

Provides annotated entries for historical fiction titles, biographies, and multimedia items

The identity of the Beast rising out of the sea in Revelation 13 is a hotly debated topic. Some believe the Beast has come already, while others believe that he is alive today, waiting to take his position of power. One of the key passages cited by all groups is in Revelation 13:1-8, 18. Yet the imagery of the book of Revelation has opened it to misinterpretation by modern-day

interpreters who are unfamiliar with the apocalyptic literary genre. Jonathan Leonard explains the meaning of the Beast of Revelation 13:1-8, 18 in its first century context and its relevance to members of the early church. The imagery of the Beast of Revelation is not seen as instilling fear into the hearts of believers concerning the future, but serves as a stinging critique of imperial power, idolatry, and oppression. When properly viewed in its original context, the unveiling of the Beast can transcend the first century and serve to strengthen the testimony of the church of Jesus Christ in the present day.

Relational structures abound in our daily environment: relational databases, data mining, scaling procedures, preference relations, etc. As the documentation of scientific results achieved within the European COST Action 274, TARSKI, this book advances the understanding of relational structures and the use of relational methods in various application fields. The 12 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected for presentations. The papers are devoted to mechanization of relational reasoning, relational scaling and preferences, and algebraic and logical foundations of real world relations.

Identifying thousands of historical fiction novels, biographies, history trade books, CD-ROMs, and videotapes, these books help you locate resources on world history for students. Each is divided into two sections. In the first part, titles are listed according to grade levels within specific geographic areas and time periods. They are further organized by product type. Both books cover world history from Prehistory and the Ancient World to 54 B.C. to the modern era. Other chapters include Roman Empire to A.D. 476; Europe and the British Isles; Africa and South Africa; Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, and Antarctica; Canada; China; India, Tibet, and Burma; Israel and Arab Countries; Japan; Vietnam, Korea, Cambodia, and Thailand; and South and Central America and the Caribbean. The second section has an annotated bibliography that describes each title and includes publication information and awards. The focus is on books published since 1990, and all have received at l

Last Days Madness explains the most difficult prophetic passages clearly and concisely. Gary DeMar sheds the light on Daniel 7:1314; 9:24-27, Matthew 16:27-28, 2 Thessalonians 2; 2 Peter 3:3-13 and dozens more. He identifies the Beast, the Antichrist, and the Man of Lawlessness, and clears the haze regarding Armageddon, the rebuilding of the temple, the meaning of 666, and much more. This ground breaking book is guaranteed to make you think and is your survival guide and spiritual compass to insure you escape the paralysis of last days madness.

Adult books are categorized by genre (i.e., fiction, mystery, science fiction, nonfiction). Along with bibliographic information, the expected date of publication and the names of literary agents for individual titles are provided. Starred reviews serve several functions: In the adult section, they mark potential bestsellers, major promotions, book club selections, and just very good books; in the children's section, they denote books of very high quality. The unsigned reviews manage to be discerning and sometimes quite critical.

International journal of contemporary visual artists.

"Blumenstand" (German for Flowers-stand") is an almost comprehensive collection of the Author's nonscientific essays and miscellaneous writings covering a period of more than thirty-five years. The articles touch upon a great variety of both academic and non-academic topics from anthropology to sociology, from psychology to philosophy, from history to music, from literature to politics and political science, from religion to morality, from chess- playing to dart-playing, from horseracing and travel to whisky-distilling, etc. For the sake of levity, even some jokes and humorous anecdotes are included. However, there is no unifying theme as such, and neither the collection nor its presentation has any particular sequence or structure. The book is richly illustrated, as per topic relevance. It is sincerely hoped that this modest anthology will serve both informative and entertaining purposes. This is a recently completed original literary work, first published in December 2007. and re-published in July 2019.

Presents a survey of the history and evolution of the branch of mathematics that focuses on algebra, including useful applications and notable mathematicians in this area.

The definitive work on the language of baseball—one of the " Five Best Baseball Books" (Wall Street Journal). Hailed as " a staggering piece of scholarship" (Wall Street Journal) and " an indispensable guide to the language of baseball" (San Diego Union-Tribune), The Dickson Baseball Dictionary has become an invaluable resource for those who love the game. Drawing on dozens of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century periodicals, as well as contemporary sources, Dickson's brilliant, illuminating definitions trace the earliest appearances of terms both well known and obscure. This edition includes more than 10,000 terms with 18,000 individual entries, and more than 250 photos. This " impressively comprehensive" (The Nation) book will delight everyone from the youngest fan to the hard-core aficionado.

Essays discuss number theory, cryptography, topology, chess playing, computers, algorithms, parallel processing, and political representation

This book collects nine related mathematical essays which will intrigue and inform. From the reviews: "The authors put their writing where their talents are, and students get to see just how

alive mathematics is there is much to commend the book. It contains plenty of interesting mathematics, often going in unusual directions. I like the diagrams; the authors have chosen mathematics that involves especially pretty ones." --THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

In the mid 1980s, the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) inaugurated a series of studies in mathematics education by comm- sioning one on the influence of technology and informatics on mathematics and its teaching. These studies are designed to thoroughly explore topics of c- temporary interest, by gathering together a group of experts who prepare a Study Volume that provides a considered assessment of the current state and a guide to further developments. Studies have embraced a range of issues, some central, such as the teaching of algebra, some closely related, such as the impact of history and psychology, and some looking at mathematics education from a particular perspective, such as cultural differences between East and West. These studies have been commissioned at the rate of about one per year. Once the ICMI Executive decides on the topic, one or two chairs are selected and then, in consultation with them, an International Program Committee (IPC) of about 12 experts is formed. The IPC then meets and prepares a Discussion Document that sets forth the issues and invites interested parties to submit papers. These papers are the basis for invitations to a Study Conference, at which the various dimensions of the topic are explored and a book, the Study Volume, is sketched out. The book is then put together in collaboration, mainly using electronic communication. The entire process typically takes about six years.

Presents a survey of the history and evolution of the branch of mathematics that focuses on probability and statistics, including useful applications and notable mathematicians in this area.

Revealed uncovers the science behind mysteries of nature and secrets of frauds who have been fooling us for centuries. Beginning at the Greek oracle in Delphi, author Loren Pankratz, PhD. guides us through the mysteries of the ancient world, the rituals of the Renaissance Church, and the readings of early mystics and spiritualists of the modern world to expose the deception of those claiming to tap into supernatural realms. Quite often these deceptions were the product of powerful institutions, like Roman Oracles or the Church of the Enlightenment, used to suppress free-thinking and maintain a tight grip on power. From Galileo's scientific discoveries of the cosmos to Bernard Fontenelle's popular philosophical dialogue that helped common people understand the sun-centered universe, Pankratz profiles those who used reason to challenge the authority of their time. Soon after, mesmerists and hypnotists paraded subjects who demonstrated insensitivity to pain and powers of clairvoyance. One such clairvoyant, a Frenchman named Alexis Didier, was so compelling as to provoke claims that if a case for clairvoyance could not be made for him, then no case can be made for anyone. This declaration has not been previously challenged, and Didier's secret methods are unraveled here through information in rare documents and privately printed pamphlets for the first time. Modern spiritualism started with simple rapping noises created by the Fox sisters, but these quickly escalated into an arms race of psychic manifestations like levitations and mysterious writing on slates. Scientists like Michael Faraday conducted clever experiments with magnets to show the deception at work –but the captivating power of the spiritualists was too much to overcome, and his results were shrugged off. We follow more individuals who devised tests to debunk these hucksters, even as mediums did everything possible to avoid exposure. Each story in Revealed captures the tension of mysterious conflict, the thrill of discovery, and the power of science to unmask frauds and fakes.

"Among the many constants that appear in mathematics, [pi], e, and i are the most familiar. Following closely behind is [gamma] or gamma, a constant that arises in many mathematical areas yet remains profoundly mysterious. Introduced by the Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707-1783), who figures prominently in this book, gamma is defined as the limit of the sum of $1 + 1/2 + 1/3 +$ up to $1/n$, minus the natural logarithm of n -- and the numerical value is 0.5772156 But unlike its more celebrated colleagues [pi] and e, the exact nature of gamma remains a mystery. In fact, we don't even know if gamma is a fraction. In this tantalizing blend of history and mathematics, Julian Havil takes readers on a journey through logarithms and the harmonic series, the two defining elements of gamma, toward the first account of gamma's place in mathematics. Sure to be popular with not only students and instructors but all math aficionados, Gamma takes us through countries, centuries, lives, and works, unfolding along the way the stories of some remarkable mathematics from some remarkable mathematicians."--Back cover.

This book comprehensively documents the many and varied ways that polyhedra have come to the fore throughout the development of mathematics.

What mathematics should be learned by today's young people as well as tomorrow's workforce? On the Shoulders of Giants is a vision of richness of mathematics expressed in essays on change, dimension, quantity, shape, and uncertainty, each of which illustrate fundamental strands for school mathematics. These essays expand on the idea of mathematics as the language and science of patterns, allowing us to realize the importance of providing hands-on experience and the development of a curriculum that will enable students to apply their knowledge to diverse numerical problems.

The book records the essential discoveries of mathematical and computational scientists in chronological order, following the birth of ideas on the basis of prior ideas ad infinitum. The authors document the winding path of mathematical scholarship throughout history, and most importantly, the thought process of each individual that resulted in the mastery of their subject.

The book implicitly addresses the nature and character of every scientist as one tries to understand their visible actions in both adverse and congenial environments. The authors hope that this will enable the reader to understand their mode of thinking, and perhaps even to emulate their virtues in life.

The story of the scientific education of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and James Madison reveals that science was an integral part of their lives and shows how they used it to shape political issues of the day.

The second in the Studies in the Design Laboratory epub series produced by the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and the CCA, this publication traces the development of complex computational geometry in the work of Ron Resch. Resch's strikingly novel generative methods laid the seeds of computational origami, and during the early 1970's he collaborated in the pioneering computer science department of the University of Utah, a hotbed of early computer graphics. Featuring interviews with Resch's collaborators, excerpts from his remarkable films, and a consideration of the role of the architect in cross-disciplinary laboratories, this epub argues for Resch as one of the first true computational designers.

15.000 B.C. to 1469.

Eschewing the standard dry and static writing style of traditional textbooks, Discrete Explorations provides a refreshing approach to discrete mathematics. The author combines traditional course topics with popular culture, applications, and various historical examples. This book focuses on the historical development of the subject and provides details on the people behind mathematics and their motivations, which will deepen readers' appreciation of mathematics. With its unique style, the book covers many of the same topics found in other texts but done in an alternative, entertaining style that better captures readers' attention. Defining discrete mathematics, the author also covers many different topics. These include combinatorics, fractals, permutations, difference equations, graph theory, trees and financial mathematics. Not only will readers gain a greater impression of mathematics, but they'll be encouraged to further explore the subject. Highlights: Features fascinating historical references to motivate readers Text includes numerous pop culture references throughout to provide a more engaging reading experience Its unique topic structure presents a fresh approach The text's narrative style reads more like a popular book instead of a dry textbook Covers many topics from combinatorics, as well as discrete mathematics

Excerpt from a review in the "Mathematics Teacher." A Mathematical Mosaic is a collection of wonderful topics from nmber theory through combinatorics to game theory, presented in a fashion that seventh- and eighth- grade students can handle yet high school students will find challenging." John Cocharo, Saint Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX

This book shows how creative maths can really work. Exploring the ways in which maths skills can be learned through cross-curricular activities based on visual arts and music, the book presents maths as a meaningful and exciting subject which holds no fears for children. The authors recognise that while maths-phobia prevails in our increasingly mathematicised world, attitudes and approaches to teaching the subject need to be reviewed, and issues such as gender stereotyping, which encourage maths-apathy, need to be tackled at an early stage. Within this collection of classroom-based stories are detailed examples of integrative mathematic projects; these will give teachers the confidence to try out cross-curricular activities in their classes. The book also provides support with difficult areas such as assessment, planning and development. Fascinating to read in its own right this book will appeal to the specialist and non-specialist alike.

Archimedes of Syracuse (287 BCE-212 BCE) was so ahead of his time that even now we take many of his discoveries for granted. He calculated properties of circles, spheres, cylinders, and cones, writing equations that we still use today. He calculated [p] and came very close to discovering calculus, nearly beating Sir Isaac Newton by 2,000 years. He discovered why things float or sink. He learned why levers work. This creative genius saw math everywhere, from seashells to the fearsome war machines—like the catapult, missiles, and even a mirrored laser—he made to defend his hometown from the Roman navy. In the mind of this master of thought, math truly held the secrets to the universe.