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Math on Trial - Leila Schneps 2013-03-12

Describes the issues that can result when mathematical arguments are improperly used and discusses ten trials where this was the case, including the Dreyfus Affair, the case of Diana Sylvester, and Charles Ponzi's original scheme.

Math & Stories - Marian Bartch 2007-12-01

Discover the math lessons students can learn from activities based on 56 carefully selected childrens books. Each book offers 28 fully described activity units supported by three or four reproducible handouts; units specify correlations to standards set by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In activities based on reading Jumanji, for example, students distinguish between probable and improbable events, do mapping on a coordinate grid, and write about what would happen if their own favorite game suddenly became real. Grades K-6. Answer keys. Illustrated. Good Year Books.

Go To - Steve Lohr 2008-11-05

In Go To, Steve Lohr chronicles the history of software from the early days of complex mathematical codes mastered by a few thousand to today's era of user-friendly software and over six million professional programmers worldwide. Lohr maps out the unique seductions of programming, and gives us an intimate portrait of the peculiar kind of genius that is drawn to this blend of art, science, and engineering, introducing us to the movers and shakers of the 1950s and the open-source movement of today. With original reporting and deft storytelling, Steve Lohr shows us how software transformed the world, and what it holds in store for our future.

Humble Pi - Matt Parker 2021-01-19

#1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER AN ADAM SAVAGE BOOK CLUB PICK The book-length answer to anyone who ever put their hand up in math class and asked, "When am I ever going to use this in the real world?" "Fun, informative, and relentlessly entertaining, Humble Pi is a charming and very readable guide to some of humanity's all-time greatest miscalculations—that also gives you permission to feel a little better about some of your own mistakes." —Ryan North, author of How to Invent Everything Our whole world is built on math, from the code running a website to the equations enabling the design of skyscrapers and bridges. Most of the time this math works quietly behind the scenes . . . until it doesn't. All sorts of seemingly innocuous mathematical mistakes can have significant consequences. Math is easy to ignore until a misplaced decimal point upends the stock market, a unit conversion error causes a plane to crash, or someone divides by zero and stalls a battleship in the middle of the ocean. Exploring and explaining a litany of glitches, near misses, and mathematical mishaps involving the internet, big data, elections, street signs, lotteries, the Roman Empire, and an Olympic team, Matt Parker uncovers the bizarre ways math trips us up, and what this reveals about its essential place in our world. Getting it wrong has never been more fun.

How Not to Be Wrong - Jordan Ellenberg 2015-05-26

"Witty, compelling, and just plain fun to read . . ." —Evelyn Lamb, Scientific American The Freakonomics of math—a math-world superstar unveils the hidden beauty and logic of the world and puts its power in our

hands The math we learn in school can seem like a dull set of rules, laid down by the ancients and not to be questioned. In How Not to Be Wrong, Jordan Ellenberg shows us how terribly limiting this view is: Math isn't confined to abstract incidents that never occur in real life, but rather touches everything we do—the whole world is shot through with it. Math allows us to see the hidden structures underneath the messy and chaotic surface of our world. It's a science of not being wrong, hammered out by centuries of hard work and argument. Armed with the tools of mathematics, we can see through to the true meaning of information we take for granted: How early should you get to the airport? What does "public opinion" really represent? Why do tall parents have shorter children? Who really won Florida in 2000? And how likely are you, really, to develop cancer? How Not to Be Wrong presents the surprising revelations behind all of these questions and many more, using the mathematician's method of analyzing life and exposing the hard-won insights of the academic community to the layman—minus the jargon. Ellenberg chases mathematical threads through a vast range of time and space, from the everyday to the cosmic, encountering, among other things, baseball, Reaganomics, daring lottery schemes, Voltaire, the replicability crisis in psychology, Italian Renaissance painting, artificial languages, the development of non-Euclidean geometry, the coming obesity apocalypse, Antonin Scalia's views on crime and punishment, the psychology of slime molds, what Facebook can and can't figure out about you, and the existence of God. Ellenberg pulls from history as well as from the latest theoretical developments to provide those not trained in math with the knowledge they need. Math, as Ellenberg says, is "an atomic-powered prosthesis that you attach to your common sense, vastly multiplying its reach and strength." With the tools of mathematics in hand, you can understand the world in a deeper, more meaningful way. How Not to Be Wrong will show you how.

Guided Math Stretch: Variable Expressions--Write a Story - Lanney Sammons 2014-01-01

Engage your mathematics students at the beginning of class with this whole-class warm-up activity. This product features a step-by-step lesson, assessment information, and a snapshot of what the warm-up looks like in the classroom.

War Stories from Applied Math - Robert Fraga 2007

These projects are adaptations of transcripts made at a workshop at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI in 1996. This workshop ... brought together four mathematicians ... representatives from industry, and an audience of mathematicans interested in trying out the ideas presented to them.

The Boy Who Loved Math - Deborah Heiligman 2013-06-25

Most people think of mathematicians as solitary, working away in isolation. And, it's true, many of them do. But Paul Erdos never followed the usual path. At the age of four, he could ask you when you were born and then calculate the number of seconds you had been alive in his head. But he didn't learn to butter his own bread until he turned twenty. Instead, he traveled around the world, from one mathematician to the next, collaborating on an astonishing number of publications. With a simple, lyrical text and richly layered illustrations, this is a beautiful introduction to the world of math and a fascinating look at the unique character traits that made "Uncle Paul" a great man. The Boy Who Loved Math by Deborah Heiligman is a

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2013 and a New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2013.

No, David! - David Shannon 2016-08-30

The Caldecott Honor-winning classic by bestselling picture-book creator David Shannon! When David Shannon was five years old, he wrote and illustrated his first book. On every page were these words: NO, DAVID! . . . and a picture of David doing things he was not supposed to do. Now David is all grown up. But some things never change. . . . Over fifteen years after its initial publication, NO, DAVID! remains a perennial household favorite, delighting children, parents, and teachers alike. David is a beloved character, whose unabashed good humor, mischievous smile, and laughter-inducing antics underline the love parents have for their children--even when they misbehave.

Zero the Hero - Joan Holub 2012-02-28

Zero. Zip. Zilch. Nada. That's what all the other numbers think of Zero. He doesn't add anything in addition. He's of no use in division. And don't even ask what he does in multiplication. (Hint: Poof!) But Zero knows he's worth a lot, and when the other numbers get into trouble, he swoops in to prove that his talents are innumerable.

Math Stories For Problem Solving Success - James L. Overholt 2008-03-07

This second edition of the popular math teaching resource book *Math Stories for Problem Solving Success* offers updated true-to-life situations designed to motivate teenagers to use math skills for solving everyday problems. The book features intriguing short stories followed by sets of problems related to the stories that are correlated to the standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Each of the easy-to-read stories is followed by three increasingly difficult groups of problem sets. This makes it simple for teachers to select the appropriate problem set for students of different abilities and at different grade levels. To further enhance student involvement, the stories feature recurring characters and can be used either sequentially or out of order. The problems in the book cover many basic math topics, including decimals, fractions, and percents; measurement; geometry; data, statistics, and probability; algebra; and problem solving. In addition to having all the answers, an Answer Key at the end of the book offers explanations and background information about the problems that can be helpful to both teachers and students. *Math Stories for Problem Solving Success* will help you show students that math is something they are already using every day.

Pigs Go to Market - Amy Axelrod 2009-07-31

After winning a shopping spree at the local supermarket, Mrs. Pig has to figure out the value of all her goods using multiplication and addition, in this colorful picture book with mathematic concepts for young readers. Reprint.

Math for Writers - Cat Designs 2014-01-30

Laura Laing is the girl who is convinced that everyone can do math. Really. As a self-proclaimed math evangelist, she rejects the idea that you are not good at math. Did you forget the tools that you need to do the basic math required to get through the day? It's likely. Are you afraid of math? Maybe. Can you overcome all of these challenges? Abso-tootin'-lutely. A freelance writer for more than 13 years, Laing has been published in a wide range of publications, from *Parade* to Baltimore's *City Paper*. She also works with corporations, small businesses and non-profits in developing compelling content and marketing materials. With a degree in math education and experience teaching high school, she is a freelance curriculum developer, writing online lessons, video scripts and test items for a variety of clients.

The Story Grid - Shawn Coyne 2015-05-02

WHAT IS THE STORY GRID? The Story Grid is a tool developed by editor Shawn Coyne to analyze stories and provide helpful editorial comments. It's like a CT Scan that takes a photo of the global story and tells the editor or writer what is working, what is not, and what must be done to make what works better and fix what's not. The Story Grid breaks down the component parts of stories to identify the problems. And finding the problems in a story is almost as difficult as the writing of the story itself (maybe even more difficult). The Story Grid is a tool with many applications: 1. It will tell a writer if a Story ?works? or ?doesn't work. 2. It pinpoints story problems but does not emotionally abuse the writer, revealing exactly where a Story (not the person creating the Story/the Story) has failed. 3. It will tell the writer the specific work necessary to fix that Story's problems. 4. It is a tool to re-envision and resuscitate a seemingly irredeemable pile of paper

stuck in an attic drawer. 5. It is a tool that can inspire an original creation.

Why Write in Math Class? - Linda Schulman Dacey 2018

To help students communicate their mathematical thinking, many teachers have created classrooms where math talk has become a successful and joyful instructional practice. Building on that success, the ideas in *Why Write in Math Class?* help students construct, explore, represent, refine, connect, and reflect on mathematical ideas. Writing also provides teachers with a window into each student's thinking and informs instructional decisions. Focusing on five types of writing in math (exploratory, explanatory, argumentative, creative, and reflective), *Why Write in Math Class?* offers a variety of ways to integrate writing into the math class. The ideas in this book will help you make connections to what you already know about the teaching of writing within literacy instruction and build on what you've learned about the development of classroom communities that support math talk. The authors offer practical advice about how to support writing in math, as well as many specific examples of writing prompts and tasks that require high-cognitive demand. Extensive stories and samples of student work from K-5 classrooms give a vision of how writing in math class can successfully unfold.

Living Proof - Allison K. Henrich 2019

Wow! This is a powerful book that addresses a long-standing elephant in the mathematics room. Many people learning math ask ``Why is math so hard for me while everyone else understands it?" and ``Am I good enough to succeed in math?" In answering these questions the book shares personal stories from many now-accomplished mathematicians affirming that ``You are not alone; math is hard for everyone" and ``Yes; you are good enough." Along the way the book addresses other issues such as biases and prejudices that mathematicians encounter, and it provides inspiration and emotional support for mathematicians ranging from the experienced professor to the struggling mathematics student. --Michael Dorff, MAA President This book is a remarkable collection of personal reflections on what it means to be, and to become, a mathematician. Each story reveals a unique and refreshing understanding of the barriers erected by our cultural focus on ``math is hard." Indeed, mathematics is hard, and so are many other things--as Stephen Kennedy points out in his cogent introduction. This collection of essays offers inspiration to students of mathematics and to mathematicians at every career stage. --Jill Pipher, AMS President This book is published in cooperation with the Mathematical Association of America.

How Many? - Christopher Danielson 2019-09-10

Talking math with your child is fun and easy with this better approach to counting! Written by a math educator, this innovative book encourages critical thinking and sparks memorable mathematical conversations. You and your child decide what to count on each page. You have many choices, and the longer you look, the more possibilities you'll notice. There are no wrong answers in this book. As long as you're talking about what you see, think, and wonder, you're talking math!

Mathematics for Human Flourishing - Francis Su 2020-01-07

"The ancient Greeks argued that the best life was filled with beauty, truth, justice, play and love. The mathematician Francis Su knows just where to find them."--Kevin Hartnett, *Quanta Magazine*" This is perhaps the most important mathematics book of our time. Francis Su shows mathematics is an experience of the mind and, most important, of the heart."--James Tanton, Global Math Project For mathematician Francis Su, a society without mathematical affection is like a city without concerts, parks, or museums. To miss out on mathematics is to live without experiencing some of humanity's most beautiful ideas. In this profound book, written for a wide audience but especially for those disenchanted by their past experiences, an award-winning mathematician and educator weaves parables, puzzles, and personal reflections to show how mathematics meets basic human desires--such as for play, beauty, freedom, justice, and love--and cultivates virtues essential for human flourishing. These desires and virtues, and the stories told here, reveal how mathematics is intimately tied to being human. Some lessons emerge from those who have struggled, including philosopher Simone Weil, whose own mathematical contributions were overshadowed by her brother's, and Christopher Jackson, who discovered mathematics as an inmate in a federal prison. Christopher's letters to the author appear throughout the book and show how this intellectual pursuit can--and must--be open to all.

Getting Ready for the PARCC Assessment - 2010

Includes Common Core standards practice in PARCC format - Beginning, middle, and end of year benchmark tests with performance tasks - Year-end performance assessment task - Student record forms - Print and digital intervention resources correlated to Common Core Standards.

Guided Math Stretch: Write a Number Story - Lanney Sammons 2014-06-01

Engage your mathematics students at the beginning of class with this whole-class warm-up activity. This product features a step-by-step lesson, assessment information, and a snapshot of what the warm-up looks like in the classroom.

Tina's Aha Moments! - Marion Mohnhaupt 2021-09-13

There is a little mathematician in every child. However, Tina is a young girl who finds that math is difficult and exhausting. She doubts her abilities in math and dislikes it. Then she recognizes learning as a superpower. She becomes curious and wonders, "How does learning actually work? Can I train my brain for math, similar to training my muscles?" With her new perspective she starts her very own treasure hunt.

"Tina's AHA moments!" is a fascinating story with important insights into the working of our brains and math learning. It is valuable for children, as well as for adults who shape the learning of children. The story challenges limiting beliefs and ideas, arouses curiosity and will hopefully serve to inspire children in their math learning. This book shall be the beginning of a rewarding journey for you and your child. "This book is sure to help many children rediscover confidence in their math abilities." (Prof. Gerald Hüther, German neurobiologist and author) "This book is a great book for young readers, for teachers and for parents. It embraces key points of good learning which work together nicely as a learning ecosystem, they help each other and boost each other." (Dongmei Li, Program Manager Adobe) "I wish I had this book as a child." (Nina Kottek, Real Estate Manager) "I love this book." (Finn, 3rd grader)

Write-And-Read Math Story Books - Betsy Franco 1999-05

Offers kindergarten and first- and second-grade teachers projects that teach math skills along with reading

The Animals Would Not Sleep! - Sara Levine 2020-10-13

Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of storytelling! It's bedtime for Marco and his stuffed animals, but the animals have other ideas. When Marco tries to put them away, they fly, swim, and slither right out of their bins! Can Marco sort the animals so everyone is happy? A playful exploration of sorting and classifying that combines math with empathy. The perfect bedtime book, featuring Latinx characters and a note about scientific classification. Storytelling Math celebrates children using math in their daily adventures as they play, build, and discover the world around them. Joyful stories and hands-on activities make it easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together. Developed in collaboration with math experts at STEM education nonprofit TERC, under a grant from the Heising-Simons Foundation.

Lost in the Math Museum: A Survival Story - Colin Adams 2022-07-20

"But when I turned the handle on the door, suddenly the buzzing went crazy. I slapped my hands over my ears, when I should have jerked the door shut. It flew open, and I was face-to-face with the Weierstrass function. It was the ugliest function I could imagine, with kinks, and kinks on kinks and kinks on those. And it was shrieking in its buzz-like way, vibrating all over like a plucked string. I stood there, frozen for just a second, and then I was sprinting after the others, with the wild frantic buzzing right behind me." From the twisted imagination of best-selling author Colin Adams (*Zombies & Calculus*, *The Knot Book*) comes this tale of sixteen-year-old Kallie trying to escape death at the hands of the exhibits in a mathematics museum. Kallie crosses paths with Carl Gauss, Bertrand Russell, Sophie Germain, G. H. Hardy, and John von Neumann, as she tries to save herself, her dad, and his colleague Maria from the deadly Hairy Ball theorem, the harrowing Hilbert Hotel, the bisecting Ham Sandwich machine, and a variety of other mathematical menaces. It's a wild romp through a mathematical bestiary featuring the bizarre, the exotic, and the counterintuitive. You'll never think of math the same way again.

Where Mathematics Come From How The Embodied Mind Brings Mathematics Into Being - George Lakoff 2000-11-02

Provides an in-depth analysis of the cognitive science of mathematical ideas that argues that conceptual metaphor plays a definitive role in mathematical ideas, exploring such concepts as arithmetic, algebra, sets, logic, and infinity. 20,000 first printing.

Daily Math Stretches: Building Conceptual Understanding Levels K-2 - Sammons, Laney 2017-03-01

Jumpstart your students' minds with daily warm-ups that get them thinking mathematically and ready for instruction. Daily Math Stretches offers practice in algebraic thinking, geometry, measurement, and data for grades K-2 to provide an early foundation for mastering mathematical learning. Written by Guided Math's author Laney Sammons and with well-known, research-based approaches, this product provides step-by-step lessons, assessment information, and a snapshot of how to facilitate these math discussions in your classroom. Digital resources are also included for teacher guidance with management tips, classroom set-up tips, and interactive whiteboard files for each stretch.

A Dingo Ate My Math Book: Mathematics from Down Under - Burkard Polster 2017-12-27

A Dingo Ate My Math Book presents ingenious, unusual, and beautiful nuggets of mathematics with a distinctly Australian flavor. It focuses, for example, on Australians' love of sports and gambling, and on Melbourne's iconic, mathematically inspired architecture. Written in a playful and humorous style, the book offers mathematical entertainment as well as a glimpse of Australian culture for the mathematically curious of all ages. This collection of engaging stories was extracted from the Maths Masters column that ran from 2007 to 2014 in Australia's Age newspaper. The maths masters in question are Burkard Polster and Marty Ross, two (immigrant) Aussie mathematicians, who each week would write about math in the news, providing a new look at old favorites, mathematical history, quirks of school mathematics—whatever took their fancy. All articles were written for a very general audience, with the intention of being as inviting as possible and assuming a minimum of mathematical background.

Oral Storytelling and Teaching Mathematics - Michael Schiro 2004-03-19

"The accompanying CD-ROM contains the full text of two epic stories plus additional worksheets, handouts, and art."--Page 4 of cover.

The Math Book - Clifford A. Pickover 2009

This book covers 250 milestones in mathematical history, beginning millions of years ago with ancient "ant odometers" and moving through time to our modern-day quest for new dimensions.

Math on Trial - Leila Schneps 2013-03-12

In the wrong hands, math can be deadly. Even the simplest numbers can become powerful forces when manipulated by politicians or the media, but in the case of the law, your liberty -- and your life -- can depend on the right calculation. In *Math on Trial*, mathematicians Leila Schneps and Coralie Colmez describe ten trials spanning from the nineteenth century to today, in which mathematical arguments were used -- and disastrously misused -- as evidence. They tell the stories of Sally Clark, who was accused of murdering her children by a doctor with a faulty sense of calculation; of nineteenth-century tycoon Hetty Green, whose dispute over her aunt's will became a signal case in the forensic use of mathematics; and of the case of Amanda Knox, in which a judge's misunderstanding of probability led him to discount critical evidence -- which might have kept her in jail. Offering a fresh angle on cases from the nineteenth-century Dreyfus affair to the murder trial of Dutch nurse Lucia de Berk, Schneps and Colmez show how the improper application of mathematical concepts can mean the difference between walking free and life in prison. A colorful narrative of mathematical abuse, *Math on Trial* blends courtroom drama, history, and math to show that legal expertise isn't always enough to prove a person innocent.

I'm Trying to Love Math - Bethany Barton 2019-07-02

Children's Choice Award winner Bethany Barton applies her signature humor to the scariest subject of all: math! Do multiplication tables give you hives? Do you break out in a sweat when you see more than a few numbers hanging out together? Then *I'm Trying to Love Math* is for you! In her signature hilarious style, Bethany Barton introduces readers to the things (and people) that use math in amazing ways -- like music, and spacecraft, and even baking cookies! This isn't a how-to math book, it's a way to think differently about math as a necessary and cool part of our lives!

Give Me Half! - Stuart J. Murphy 1996-03-27

Splitting things in half may seem like an easy thing to do, but when two siblings and a pizza are involved, things can get messy. Children learn about fractions at school but fractions are also an important part of everyday life outside the classroom. In this riotous book, Stuart J. Murphy and G. Brian Karas introduce the simplest of fractions, $\frac{1}{2}$.

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12 Ways to Get to 11 - Eve Merriam 1996-08-01

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 __ 12 What happened to 11? Is it in the magician's hat? Maybe it's in the mailbox or hiding in the jack-o'-lantern? Don't forget to look in the barnyard where the hen awaits the arrival of her new little chicks. Could that be where eleven went? Eve Merriam and Bernie Karlin take young readers on a counting adventure as they demonstrate twelve witty and imaginative ways to get to eleven.

The Imperfect and Unfinished Math Teacher [Grades K-12] - Chase Orton 2022-02-14

The system won't do it for us. But we have each other. In *The Imperfect and Unfinished Math Teacher: A Journey to Reclaim Our Professional Growth*, master storyteller Chase Orton offers a vulnerable and courageous grassroots guide that leads K-12 math teachers through a journey to cultivate a more equitable, inclusive, and cohesive culture of professionalism for themselves...what he calls professional flourishing. The book builds from two bold premises. First, that as educators, we are all naturally imperfect and unfinished, and growth should be our constant goal. Second, that the last 40 years of top-down PD efforts in mathematics have rarely supplied teachers with what they need to equitably grow their practice and foster classrooms that are likewise empowered, inclusive, and cohesive. With gentle humanity, this book inspires teachers to break down silos, observe each others' classrooms, interrogate their own biases, and put students at the center of everything they do in the math classroom. This book: Weaves raw and authentic stories—both personal and those from other educators—into a relatable and validating narrative Offers interactive opportunities to self-reflect, build relationships, seek new vantage on our teaching by observing others' classrooms and students, and share and listen to other's stories and experiences Asks teachers to give and accept grace as they work collaboratively to better themselves and the system from within, so that they can truly serve each of their students authentically and equitably Implementing the beliefs and actions in this book will position teachers to become more active partners in each other's professional growth so that they can navigate the obstacles in their professional landscape with renewed focus and a greater sense of individual and collective efficacy. It equips teachers—and by extension, their students—to chart their

own course and author their own equitable and joyful mathematical and professional stories.

Math Girls - Hiroshi Yuki 2011

Combining mathematical rigor with light romance, *Math Girls* is a unique introduction to advanced mathematics, delivered through the eyes of three students as they learn to deal with problems seldom found in textbooks.

David Goes to School - David Shannon 2016-07-26

David's teacher has her hands full. From running in the halls to chewing gum in class, David's high-energy antics fill each schoolday with trouble-and are sure to bring a smile to even the best- behaved reader.

Let's Go, Snow! - Eleanor May 2017-01-01

Discover Math Matters! With over 15 million books sold worldwide, this award-winning series of easy-to-read books will help young readers ages 5-8 approach math with enthusiasm. Great for fans of MathStart or Step into Reading Math. Jamie's been waiting ALL winter to go snowboarding. It's almost spring and still no snow! But when the temperature drops and the snow might come, Jamie's friend Eli begins to panic. What will happen to his newly planted strawberry seedlings? With engaging stories that connect math to kids' everyday lives, each book in the Teachers' Choice Award-winning Math Matters series focuses on a single concept and reinforces math vocabulary and skills. Bonus activities in the back of each book feature math and reading comprehension questions, and even more free activities online add to the fun! (Math topic: Temperature Measurement).

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Math Curse - Jon Scieszka 1995-10-01

Did you ever wake up to one of those days where everything is a problem? You have 10 things to do, but only 30 minutes until your bus leaves. Is there enough time? You have 3 shirts and 2 pairs of pants. Can you make 1 good outfit? Then you start to wonder: Why does everything have to be such a problem? Why do 2 apples always have to be added to 5 oranges? Why do 4 kids always have to divide 12 marbles? Why can't you just keep 10 cookies without someone taking 3 away? Why? Because you're the victim of a Math Curse. That's why. But don't despair. This is one girl's story of how that curse can be broken.