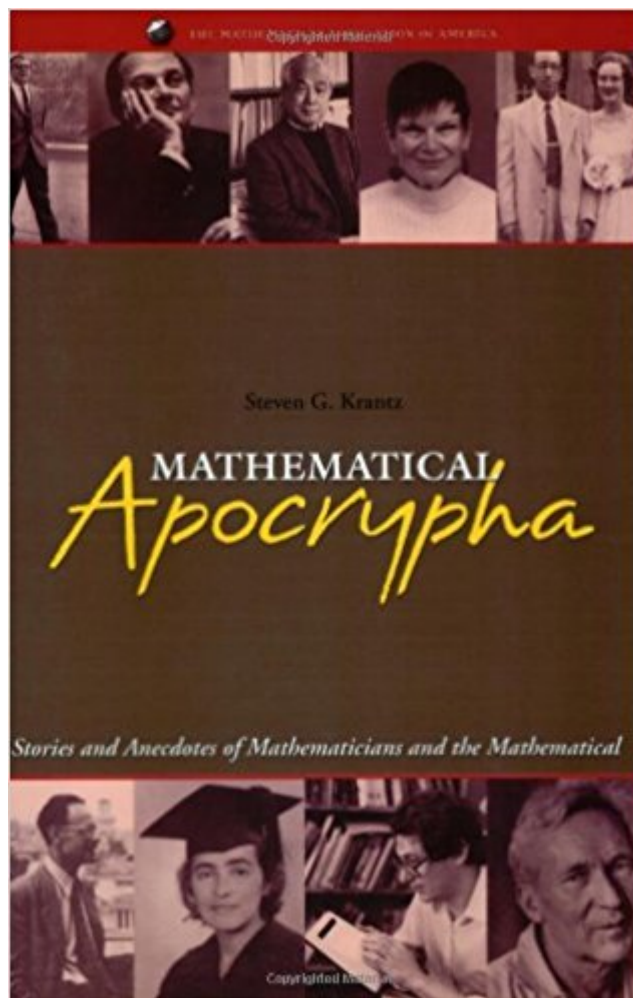




The book was found

Mathematical Apocrypha: Stories And Anecdotes Of Mathematicians And The Mathematical (Spectrum)



Synopsis

This book contains a collection of tales about mathematicians and the mathematical, derived from the author's experience. It shares with the reader the nature of the mathematical enterprise, and gives a glimpse of mathematical culture. The book brings legendary names to life, and shares little known stories about names we have heard all our lives. The book is written in a brisk and engaging manner and it also includes a number of attractive photographs and illustrations.

Book Information

Series: Spectrum

Paperback: 225 pages

Publisher: The Mathematical Association of America (July 15, 2002)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0883855399

ISBN-13: 978-0883855393

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.4 ounces

Average Customer Review: 3.7 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #1,497,915 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #71 in Books > Science & Math > Mathematics > Research #14161 in Books > Textbooks > Science & Mathematics > Mathematics

Customer Reviews

'... a fascinating and amusing collection of stories about mathematicians and the mathematical world ... The pace is quick and I have to admit that I read it in one sitting and then left it by the loo so that I could skim through again looking for my favourites ... I hope that a really wide audience will read it as it brings to life a world that most people cannot imagine.' The Mathematical Gazette

This is a collection of tales about mathematicians and the mathematical, derived from the author's experience. It shares the nature of the mathematical enterprise, and gives a glimpse of mathematical culture. It is written in a brisk and engaging manner and also includes a number of attractive photographs and illustrations.

Don't expect all the stories to be funny. Otherwise a good time pass and shows some insights into the mathematical minds.

In my reading of Steven Krantz's "Mathematical Apocrypha", I encounter numerous anecdotes that endorse the view that not only do mathematicians tend to be eccentric, but they are often very funny -- sometimes intentionally so, and sometimes not. As something of an amateur mathematician-mathematical hobbyist, I find Krantz's book a very good read -- well worth buying. My guess is that many non-mathematicians could also find in the book many stories about mathematicians and their numerous quirks that could provide for humorous storytelling and joking. As an enthusiast of mathematical ideas and those who generate them, I find "Mathematical Apocrypha" to be the best source of mathematical anecdotes I've yet been blessed with encountering.

I thought this book would be about the non-mathematical lives of famous mathematicians, and I was not proven wrong. The problem is that it is a compilation of one-paragraph anecdotes of many mathematicians' lives, which makes for good coffee table reading and not bedtime reading. There is very little substance to any of the lifestyles of any of the characters. The accounts themselves relate to the famous and not-so-famous, but many of them are questionable as to whether they actually deserve to be in this book as they are many times simple accounts of a person's daily life - chronicling the events that happen to many of us on a daily basis. I summarize the stories are too brief and there are other (better) factual books on the real lives and histories behind mathematics and mathematicians.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Mathematical Apocrypha: Stories and Anecdotes of Mathematicians and the Mathematical
(Spectrum) Mathematicians Are People, Too: Stories from the Lives of Great Mathematicians, Vol. 2
The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament: Apocrypha Bedtime Stories for Kids:
Short Bedtime Stories for Children: (Bedtime Stories for Babies, Bedtime stories for Kids Ages 4-8,
Uncle Nick's Bedtime Stories ... (Uncle Nick's Bedtime Stories for Kids) Hidden Figures: The
American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the
Space Race The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math: 24 Death-Defying Challenges for Young
Mathematicians (Irresponsible Science) Quantum Theory for Mathematicians (Graduate Texts in
Mathematics) Forcing for Mathematicians Spectrum Applying Fractions, Grade 4 (Spectrum Focus)
Spectrum Understanding Fractions, Grade 3 (Spectrum Focus) Spectrum Guide to Maldives
(Spectrum Guides) Spectrum Guide to Mauritius (Spectrum Guides) Spectrum Guide to Malawi
(Spectrum Guides) Tales from the Casting Couch: An Unprecedented Candid Collection of Stories,

Essays, and Anecdotes by and About Legendary Hollywood Stars, Starlets, and Wanna-Bes...
Behind the Music, Stories, Anecdotes, Articles and Reflections If Saddlebags Could Talk: Methodist
Stories and Anecdotes Secret Stories of Disneyland: Trivia Notes, Quotes, and Anecdotes Dance
Anecdotes: Stories from the Worlds of Ballet, Broadway, the Ballroom, and Modern Dance Inside
Stories: Anecdotes from Wintergreen Inn 1995-2004 Bedtime Stories for Children: Short Bedtime
Stories for Kids: (Bedtime Stories for Babies, Bedtime stories for Kids Ages 4-8, Uncle Nick's Fun
Bedtime ... Nick's Bedtime Stories for Kids Book 3)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)