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*The Rainbow of Mathematics* - Jaine Kopp 1999

Presents the main ideas and current approaches in inquiry-based, content-rich mathematics education.

SpringBoard Mathematics - 2015

**The Power of Picture Books in Teaching Math and Science** - Lynn Columbia 2017-05-12

This book's 50-plus lessons-each based on a different picture book or story-will help classroom teachers build a foundation for teaching math, science, and social studies concepts to their students. Each lesson uses children's literature to make challenging, abstract concepts relevant to children's lives, inviting them to learn these concepts while responding to a story's illustrations, theme, characters, and plot. The lessons also demonstrate how teachers can use children's literature to meet national standards in math, science, and social studies. Chapters 1 through 5 set the stage for using picture books, discussing the effective, imaginative integration of literature into the classroom. Teachers will learn to create an environment that ensures that when children and books come together, the experience is enjoyable and thought provoking. Chapters 6 through 9 provide individual lessons, by grade level, with detailed activities based on specific books.

**The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS** - Keith Devlin 2007-08-28

The companion to the hit CBS crime series Numb3rs presents the fascinating way mathematics is used to fight real-life crime Using the popular CBS prime-time TV crime series Numb3rs as a springboard, Keith Devlin (known to millions of NPR listeners as the Math Guy on NPR's Weekend Edition with Scott Simon) and Gary Lorden (the principal math advisor to Numb3rs) explain real-life mathematical techniques used by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to catch and convict criminals. From forensics to counterterrorism, the Riemann hypothesis to image enhancement, solving murders to beating casinos, Devlin and Lorden present compelling cases that illustrate how advanced mathematics can be used in state-of-the-art criminal investigations.

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Turtle Geometry - Harold Abelson 1986-07-09

Turtle Geometry presents an innovative program of mathematical

discovery that demonstrates how the effective use of personal computers can profoundly change the nature of a student's contact with mathematics. Using this book and a few simple computer programs, students can explore the properties of space by following an imaginary turtle across the screen. The concept of turtle geometry grew out of the Logo Group at MIT. Directed by Seymour Papert, author of *Mindstorms*, this group has done extensive work with preschool children, high school students and university undergraduates.

**Becoming the Math Teacher You Wish You'd Had** - Tracy Zager  
2017

Readers, be warned: you are about to fall in love. Tracy writes, "Good math teaching begins with us." With those six words, she invites you on a journey through this most magnificent book of stories and portraits...This book turns on its head the common misconception of mathematics as a black-and-white discipline and of being good at math as entailing ease, speed, and correctness. You will find it full of color, possibility, puzzles, and delight...Let yourself be drawn in. Elham Kazemi, professor, math education, University of Washington While mathematicians describe mathematics as playful, beautiful, creative, and captivating, many students describe math class as boring, stressful, useless, and humiliating. In *Becoming the Math Teacher You Wish You'd Had*, Tracy Zager helps teachers close this gap by making math class more like mathematics. Tracy spent years with highly skilled math teachers in a diverse range of settings and grades. You'll find this book jam-packed with new thinking from these vibrant classrooms. You'll grapple with big ideas: How is taking risks inherent to mathematics? How do mathematicians balance intuition and proof? How can teachers value both productive mistakes and precision? You'll also find dozens of practical teaching techniques you can try in your classroom right away--strategies to stimulate students to connect ideas; rich tasks that encourage students to wonder, generalize, conjecture, and persevere; routines to teach students how to collaborate. All teachers can move toward increasingly authentic, delightful, robust mathematics teaching and learning for themselves and their students. This important book

helps us develop instructional techniques that will make the math classes we teach so much better than the math classes we took.

**Error Patterns in Computation** - Robert B. Ashlock 2006

Examines how teachers can make careful analyses of students' work to uncover error patterns and gain knowledge of a student's strengths on which to base future instruction.

Math Memories You Can Count on - Jo-Anne Lake 2009

Explores ways to teach math principles using children's books, shows how to connect children with real-world math, and encourages linking text with relevant manipulatives in a hands-on, minds-on, problem-solving environment. Book lists, suggested activities, assessment strategies, and reproducible graphic organizers are included. Primary level.

**Resources in Education** - 1997

**Pattern Blocks: Grades 5-6** - 1996

*A Framework for K-12 Science Education* - National Research Council  
2012-02-28

Science, engineering, and technology permeate nearly every facet of modern life and hold the key to solving many of humanity's most pressing current and future challenges. The United States' position in the global economy is declining, in part because U.S. workers lack fundamental knowledge in these fields. To address the critical issues of U.S. competitiveness and to better prepare the workforce, *A Framework for K-12 Science Education* proposes a new approach to K-12 science education that will capture students' interest and provide them with the necessary foundational knowledge in the field. *A Framework for K-12 Science Education* outlines a broad set of expectations for students in science and engineering in grades K-12. These expectations will inform the development of new standards for K-12 science education and, subsequently, revisions to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for educators. This book identifies three dimensions that convey the core ideas and practices around which

science and engineering education in these grades should be built. These three dimensions are: crosscutting concepts that unify the study of science through their common application across science and engineering; scientific and engineering practices; and disciplinary core ideas in the physical sciences, life sciences, and earth and space sciences and for engineering, technology, and the applications of science. The overarching goal is for all high school graduates to have sufficient knowledge of science and engineering to engage in public discussions on science-related issues, be careful consumers of scientific and technical information, and enter the careers of their choice. A Framework for K-12 Science Education is the first step in a process that can inform state-level decisions and achieve a research-grounded basis for improving science instruction and learning across the country. The book will guide standards developers, teachers, curriculum designers, assessment developers, state and district science administrators, and educators who teach science in informal environments.

Teaching Secondary School Mathematics - Alfred S. Posamentier 1995

**Read Any Good Math Lately?** - David Jackman Whitin 1992

Suggests fiction and nonfiction works which can be used to teach an assortment of mathematical concepts, such as addition, multiplication, fractions, and measurement

**Helping Children Learn Mathematics, 3rd Australian Edition** -

Robert Reys 2020-01-21

The third edition of Reys' Helping Children Learn Mathematics is a practical resource for undergraduate students of primary school teaching. Rich in ideas, tools and stimulation for lessons during teaching rounds or in the classroom, this edition continues to provide a clear understanding of how to navigate the Australian Curriculum, with detailed coverage on how to effectively use Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the classroom. This is a full colour printed textbook with an interactive eBook code included. Great self-study features include: auto-graded in-situ knowledge check questions, video of teachers demonstrating how different maths topics can be

taught in the classroom and animated, branched chain scenarios are in the e-text.

**Crafting Conundrums** - Ellie Baker 2016-04-19

Designed for crafters, puzzle lovers, and pattern designers alike, Crafting Conundrums: Puzzles and Patterns for the Bead Crochet Artist provides methods, challenges, and patterns that offer a springboard for creative exploration. All are illustrated with beautiful color diagrams and photographs. Experienced bead crochet crafters looking for a project may choose to skip ahead to the pattern pages and begin crocheting from an abundance of unique, mathematically inspired designs. Those wishing to design their own patterns will find many useful tools, template patterns, and a new methodology for understanding how to do so even without using math. Puzzle lovers without previous knowledge of bead crochet will also find ample inspiration for learning the craft. The first part of the book describes the basic requirements and constraints of a bead crochet pattern and explains what makes designing in this medium so tricky. The authors present their new design framework and offer insight on how best to approach design choices and issues unique to bead crochet. The second part presents a series of bead crochet design challenges informed by colorful bits of mathematics, including topology, graph theory, knot theory, tessellations, and wallpaper groups. Each chapter in this section begins with a design puzzle accompanied by an introduction to the mathematical idea that inspired it. The authors then discuss what made the challenge difficult, present some of their solutions, and describe the thinking and ideas behind their approach. The final part contains nearly 100 original bead crochet patterns, including solutions to all the design challenges. This part also provides a tutorial on the fundamentals of bead crochet technique. Behind the deceptively simple and uniform arrangement of beads is a subtle geometry that produces compelling design challenges and fascinating mathematical structures. In color throughout, Crafting Conundrums gives both math enthusiasts and crafters an innovative approach to creating bead crochet patterns while addressing a variety of mathematically inspired design questions. Supplementary materials,

including demo videos, are available on the book's CRC Press web page.

**50 Fantastic Ideas for Exploring Shape and Pattern** - Alison Hutchison 2019-10-17

50 Fantastic Ideas for Exploring Shape and Pattern features activities and games filled with rich contexts for learning and discussion, as well as fun opportunities for consolidation and problem-solving. Alison Hutchison draws on her wealth of experience to present ideas in line with the Early Learning Goals for investigating shape and pattern in the world around us. She focuses on helping young children to make connections and develop language, knowledge and understanding of shape and pattern. Whether children build with fabric blocks to create patterns or explore symmetry while playing with natural materials, the easy-to-prepare activities in this book facilitate engaging learning opportunities for children's ideas and interests to be explored.

Moments in Mathematics Coaching - Kristine Reed Woleck 2010-03-09

Using a case-based approach, Moments in Mathematics Coaching helps readers examine the possibilities of their position and develop a range of images of the work of mathematics coaching. The cases and author narrative illustrate how to implement specific coaching strategies and make transparent to the reader the reflection and decision-making elements of coaching. In this way the author, an experienced mathematics coach and coach-educator, effectively models the reflective nature of the work and the power of such reflection for continual growth. The book communicates the challenges and successes of mathematics coaching and provides a wide range of strategies, tips, and guidelines. This resource may be used by individuals or by a book study group of mathematics coaches.

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The Nature and Role of Algebra in the K-14 Curriculum - Center for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education 1998-10-07

With the 1989 release of Everybody Counts by the Mathematical Sciences Education Board (MSEB) of the National Research Council and the Curriculum and Evaluation Standards for School Mathematics by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the "standards movement" in K-12 education was launched. Since that time, the MSEB and the NCTM have remained committed to deepening the public debate, discourse, and understanding of the principles and implications of standards-based reform. One of the main tenets in the NCTM Standards is commitment to providing high-quality mathematical experiences to all students. Another feature of the Standards is emphasis on development of specific mathematical topics across the grades. In particular, the Standards emphasize the importance of algebraic thinking as an essential strand in the elementary school curriculum. Issues related to school algebra are pivotal in many ways. Traditionally, algebra in high school or earlier has been considered a gatekeeper, critical to participation in postsecondary education, especially for minority students. Yet, as traditionally taught, first-year algebra courses have been characterized as an unmitigated disaster for most students. There have been many shifts in the algebra curriculum in schools within recent years. Some of these have been successful first steps in increasing enrollment in algebra and in broadening the scope of the algebra curriculum. Others have compounded existing problems. Algebra is not yet conceived of as a K-14 subject. Issues of opportunity and equity persist. Because there is no one answer to the dilemma of how to deal with algebra, making progress requires sustained dialogue, experimentation, reflection, and communication of ideas and practices at both the local and national levels. As an initial step in moving from national-level dialogue and speculations to concerted local and state level work on the role of algebra in the curriculum, the MSEB and the NCTM co-sponsored a national symposium, "The Nature and Role of Algebra in the K-14 Curriculum," on May 27 and 28, 1997, at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

*Pattern Blocks: Grades 3-4* - 1996

How People Learn - National Research Council 2000-08-11

First released in the Spring of 1999, *How People Learn* has been expanded to show how the theories and insights from the original book can translate into actions and practice, now making a real connection between classroom activities and learning behavior. This edition includes far-reaching suggestions for research that could increase the impact that classroom teaching has on actual learning. Like the original edition, this book offers exciting new research about the mind and the brain that provides answers to a number of compelling questions. When do infants begin to learn? How do experts learn and how is this different from non-experts? What can teachers and schools do—with curricula, classroom settings, and teaching methods—to help children learn most effectively? New evidence from many branches of science has significantly added to our understanding of what it means to know, from the neural processes that occur during learning to the influence of culture on what people see and absorb. *How People Learn* examines these findings and their implications for what we teach, how we teach it, and how we assess what our children learn. The book uses exemplary teaching to illustrate how approaches based on what we now know result in in-depth learning. This new knowledge calls into question concepts and practices firmly entrenched in our current education system. Topics include: How learning actually changes the physical structure of the brain. How existing knowledge affects what people notice and how they learn. What the thought processes of experts tell us about how to teach. The amazing learning potential of infants. The relationship of classroom learning and everyday settings of community and workplace. Learning needs and opportunities for teachers. A realistic look at the role of technology in education.

**Nature Sparks** - Aerial Cross 2011-10-11

Nature has monumental power on children's growth and development. Recent studies show that as children spend less time in nature, they miss out on the profound benefits that outdoor play and learning experiences

provide. *Nature Sparks* is filled with inspiration and instruction to help educators and caregivers of children ages three to eight reclaim and strengthen connections to the outdoors. This resource supplies ideas to create a nature-oriented classroom and curriculum, incorporates Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences to encourage children's individual talents as they experience the natural world, and includes more than fifty sensory-integrated activities, crafts, and instructional strategies.

**Pattern Blocks: Grades K-2** - 1996

**Summing It Up** - Avner Ash 2018-01-30

The power and properties of numbers, from basic addition and sums of squares to cutting-edge theory We use addition on a daily basis—yet how many of us stop to truly consider the enormous and remarkable ramifications of this mathematical activity? *Summing It Up* uses addition as a springboard to present a fascinating and accessible look at numbers and number theory, and how we apply beautiful numerical properties to answer math problems. Mathematicians Avner Ash and Robert Gross explore addition's most basic characteristics as well as the addition of squares and other powers before moving onward to infinite series, modular forms, and issues at the forefront of current mathematical research. Ash and Gross tailor their succinct and engaging investigations for math enthusiasts of all backgrounds. Employing college algebra, the first part of the book examines such questions as, can all positive numbers be written as a sum of four perfect squares? The second section of the book incorporates calculus and examines infinite series—long sums that can only be defined by the concept of limit, as in the example of  $1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + \dots = ?$  With the help of some group theory and geometry, the third section ties together the first two parts of the book through a discussion of modular forms—the analytic functions on the upper half-plane of the complex numbers that have growth and transformation properties. Ash and Gross show how modular forms are indispensable in modern number theory, for example in the proof of Fermat's Last Theorem. Appropriate for numbers novices as well as college math

majors, *Summing It Up* delves into mathematics that will enlighten anyone fascinated by numbers.

**Teaching Mathematics** - Michelle Selinger 2013-10-31

In this reader, maths teachers in the early years of their careers will find a concise yet comprehensive guide to developments in mathematics teaching in secondary schools and the controversies which currently surround it. After a brief summary of the historical context, a series of short articles provides a range of perspectives on various issues of current debate which will help new teachers in the development of their own teaching styles. These include the impact of computers and calculators in maths teaching, the various arguments about the use of published schemes and for more investigational approaches to the curriculum, and the way in which social and cultural factors can be approached through the teaching of various topics in mathematics. The final section looks at how teachers might continue their professional development through action research in their own classrooms.

**Making Sense of Mathematics Teacher Education** - Fou-Lai Lin 2011-06-28

This is a research-based book that deals with a broad range of issues about mathematics teacher education. It examines teacher education programs from different societies and cultures as it develops an international perspective on mathematics teacher education. Practical situations that are associated with related theories are studied critically. It is intended for teacher educators, mathematics educators, graduate students in mathematics education, and mathematics teachers.

**Math and Literature** - Jennifer M. Bay-Williams 2004

"Uses children's literature as a springboard into activities that engage children in mathematical problem solving and reasoning"--from back cover.

**Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics** - Roman Wyrzykowski 2012-07-03

This two-volume-set (LNCS 7203 and 7204) constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics, PPAM 2011, held in Torun, Poland, in

September 2011. The 130 revised full papers presented in both volumes were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers address issues such as parallel/distributed architectures and mobile computing; numerical algorithms and parallel numerics; parallel non-numerical algorithms; tools and environments for parallel/distributed/grid computing; applications of parallel/distributed computing; applied mathematics, neural networks and evolutionary computing; history of computing.

**M.C. Escher's Legacy** - Italy) M. C. Escher Centennial Conference (1998 Rome 2003

One of the most popular artists of the 20th century, M. C. Escher, leaves a rich legacy. The centennial celebration of his birth, held in Rome and Ravello in 1998, gave testimony to the keen interest and new insight into his work, and showcased a number of contemporary artists and scientists whose work is directly inspired by that of Escher. This book contains 40 of their articles, richly illustrated with original art works in addition to well-known and little-known works by Escher. A CD-ROM complements the articles, containing color illustrations of work by contemporary artists, movies, animations, and other demonstrations.

**Mindset Mathematics: Visualizing and Investigating Big Ideas, Grade 5** - Jo Boaler 2018-02-28

Engage students in mathematics using growth mindset techniques The most challenging parts of teaching mathematics are engaging students and helping them understand the connections between mathematics concepts. In this volume, you'll find a collection of low floor, high ceiling tasks that will help you do just that, by looking at the big ideas at the fifth-grade level through visualization, play, and investigation. During their work with tens of thousands of teachers, authors Jo Boaler, Jen Munson, and Cathy Williams heard the same message—that they want to incorporate more brain science into their math instruction, but they need guidance in the techniques that work best to get across the concepts they needed to teach. So the authors designed Mindset Mathematics around the principle of active student engagement, with tasks that reflect the latest brain science on learning. Open, creative, and visual

mathematics tasks have been shown to improve student test scores, and more importantly change their relationship with mathematics and start believing in their own potential. The tasks in Mindset Mathematics reflect the lessons from brain science that: There is no such thing as a math person - anyone can learn mathematics to high levels. Mistakes, struggle and challenge are the most important times for brain growth. Speed is unimportant in mathematics. Mathematics is a visual and beautiful subject, and our brains want to think visually about mathematics. With engaging questions, open-ended tasks, and four-color visuals that will help kids get excited about mathematics, Mindset Mathematics is organized around nine big ideas which emphasize the connections within the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and can be used with any current curriculum.

*Investigations in Science Education* - 1978

*Interdisciplinary Elementary Physical Education* - Theresa Purcell Cone 2009

The popular Interdisciplinary Teaching Through Physical Education is back and better than ever. This new edition guides you in integrating the content of language arts, math, science, social studies, and the arts (music, theater arts, and visual arts) with the content of physical education through active learning experiences. This book has the following features: -It provides 24 learning experiences in the five academic areas, 193 additional ideas for developing those learning experiences, and 37 new, ongoing strategies for teaching physical education through cross-curricular methods. -It is revised and expanded, offering you more teaching tools to supplement, support, and enhance your teaching. -It delivers new practical ideas and activities for classroom use, based on current theory and best practices. In part I, you'll learn about the theoretical need for and benefits of interdisciplinary teaching and learning. The authors identify models for planning and implementing interdisciplinary experiences and provide ideas for getting started, building a support network, and assessing learning. In part II, the authors describe sample learning experiences in

each of the five academic disciplines and offer ideas for developing additional learning experiences. They also present suggested scope and sequence of concepts for each grade level and describe the concepts and skills that are appropriate for primary- and intermediate-grade students. Interdisciplinary Elementary Physical Education will give your students a wealth of knowledge while they're being active. They'll have fun while they conjugate, calculate, investigate, explore, dance--and move across the curriculum.

**M.C. Escher's Legacy** - Michele Emmer 2007-05-08

Softcover printing of a popular title (h/c sold over 400 copies in North America) at a price that will make it accessible to a much wider audience. Richly illustrated with original art works in addition to well-known and little-known works by Escher. A CD-ROM complements the articles, containing color illustrations of work by contemporary artists, movies, animations, and other demonstrations.

Making Math Stick - David Costello 2021-04-09

This remarkable book shows teachers how to stop working harder and start working smarter. It describes a shift from "teach-test-move-on" to "teach-connect-apply" to optimize student learning. This valuable resource provides teachers with an understanding of simple, manageable, and sustainable strategies to change their approach immediately. These strategies build on helping students retain math concepts so they can apply them in novel situations down the road. The focus is on supporting teachers in framing instruction so that students strengthen their understanding, and can remember and apply learning. Making Math Stick is a game-changer that champions durable learning for all students.

Lessons for Algebraic Thinking - Maryann Wickett 2002

Lessons for K-8 teachers on making algebra an integral part of their mathematics instruction.

*Everyday and Academic Mathematics in the Classroom* - Mary E. Brenner 2002

The monograph series is published by NCTM as a supplement to the Journal for Research in Mathematics Education (JRME). Each monograph

has a single theme related to the learning or teaching of mathematics. Number 11 in the JRME monograph series, this monograph attempts to clarify what we mean by everyday and academic mathematics, to provide empirical analyses of what happens when we bring particular aspects of everyday practises into classrooms and to consider how workplace practises relate to school mathematics.

**Number Theory in Mathematics Education** - Rina Zazkis 2012-10-12

This book offers multiple interconnected perspectives on the largely untapped potential of elementary number theory for mathematics education: its formal and cognitive nature, its relation to arithmetic and algebra, its accessibility, its utility and intrinsic merits, to name just a few. Its purpose is to promote explication and critical dialogue about these issues within the international mathematics education community. The studies comprise a variety of pedagogical and research orientations by an international group of researchers that, collectively, make a compelling case for the relevance and importance of number theory in mathematics education in both pre K-16 settings and mathematics teacher education. Topics variously engaged include: \*understanding particular concepts related to numerical structure and number theory; \*elaborating on the historical and psychological relevance of number theory in concept development; \*attaining a smooth transition and extension from pattern recognition to formative principles; \*appreciating the aesthetics of number structure; \*exploring its suitability in terms of making connections leading to aha! insights and reaching toward the learner's affective domain; \*reexamining previously constructed knowledge from a novel angle; \*investigating connections between technique and theory; \*utilizing computers and calculators as pedagogical tools; and \*generally illuminating the role number theory concepts could play in developing mathematical knowledge and reasoning in students and teachers. Overall, the chapters of this book highlight number theory-related topics as a stepping-stone from arithmetic toward generalization and algebraic formalism, and as a means for providing intuitively grounded meanings of numbers, variables, functions, and proofs. Number Theory in Mathematics

Education: Perspectives and Prospects is of interest to researchers, teacher educators, and students in the field of mathematics education, and is well suited as a text for upper-level mathematics education courses.

**Math Charmers** - Alfred S. Posamentier 2011-04-26

Foreword by Nobel Laureate Herbert A. Hauptman Designed as a combat to math phobias, this guide tells how to make math intriguing and fun. - The Bookwatch Midwest Book Review library newsletter I love this book. I made the mistake of starting to read it late one evening, only to find I could not put it down. It is as engrossing and as exciting as a good mystery. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for a book about mathematics. - Arthur Levine, President, Teachers College, Columbia University Dr. Posamentier has spent a lifetime making the subject of mathematics come to life for students and their teachers. This book is another fine tribute to the work that is possible when a brilliant mind is led by a wonderful heart. How lucky we are to add this new work to an outstanding life of achievement. - Merryl H. Tisch, Member, New York State Board of Regents Professional mathematicians often speak of the beauty of mathematics and the elegance of its solutions. Yet the esthetic appeal of math is rarely conveyed to students at the elementary, secondary, or even college level. Instead, most of us develop phobias in school about math's elusive logic and then pass these negative impressions on to our children. What a shame, says math professor Alfred S. Posamentier. We should all be having fun with math and helping our kids to do better in life by encouraging them to appreciate not only its usefulness but especially its charm. That's just what Posamentier sets out to do in this delightful exploration of math's many intriguing, interesting, and fun qualities. Beginning with the beauty of the number system, Posamentier doesn't just talk mathematics; he entices readers to do math and discover for themselves just how stimulating the process can be! Brief and entertaining introductions to each chapter invite readers to try their hands at arithmetic marvels, surprising solutions, algebraic entertainments, geometric wonders, and fun mathematical paradoxes, among other topics. Presented in a reader-

friendly, conversational tone, the text is very accessible and the examples are geared to a beginner's level, so that even the most math-phobic individual will discover the hidden joy and inherent appeal of doing math. This is the ideal book for adults looking for a way to turn their kids on to an important subject or discover for themselves what they might have missed in their own math education. Alfred S. Posamentier, Ph.D. (New York, NY), is dean of the School of Education and professor of mathematics education at The City College of the City University of New York. He has published more than 40 books in the area of mathematics and mathematics education, including *The Fabulous Fibonacci Numbers*, *Pi: A Biography of the World's Most Mysterious Number*, and *Math Charmers: Tantalizing Tidbits for the Mind*.  
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