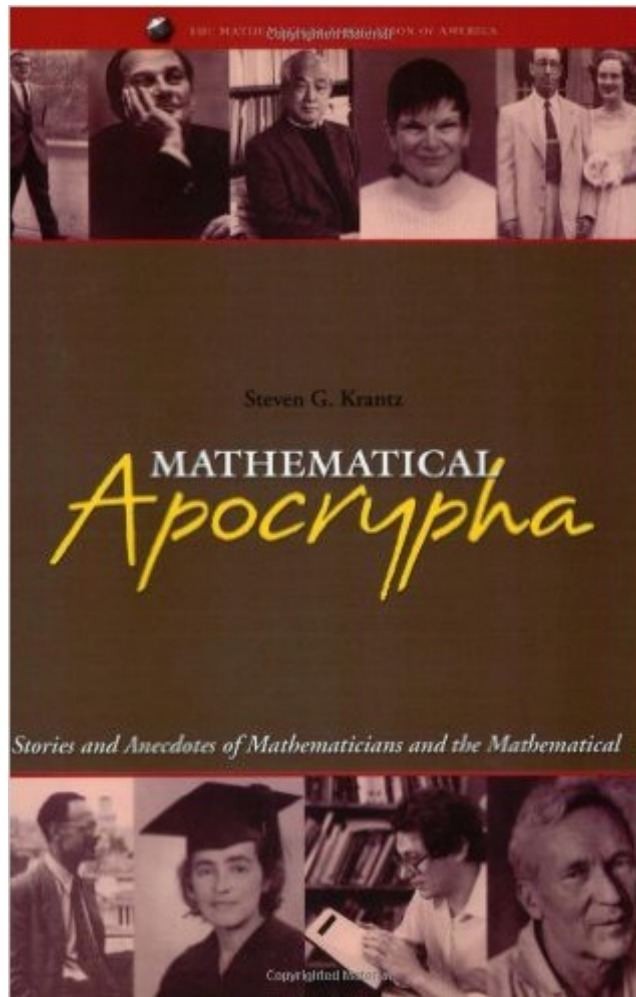


The book was found

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 (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,755,361 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #82 in [Books > Science & Math > Mathematics > Research](#) #15519 in [Books > Textbooks > Science & Mathematics > Mathematics](#)

Customer Reviews

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. In summary the stories are too brief and there are other (better) factual books on the real lives and histories behind mathematics and mathematicians.

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

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

Mathematical Apocrypha: Stories and Anecdotes of Mathematicians and the Mathematical (Spectrum) The Spectrum of Adventure: A Brief History of Interactive Fiction on the Sinclair ZX Spectrum Doctor Spectrum: Full Spectrum TPB The Antiques Magpie: A Fascinating Compendium of Absorbing History, Stories, Facts and Anecdotes from the World of Antiques The Complete Works and Apocrypha of William Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet and More (52 plays, 154 sonnets and More) Hunter Apocrypha *OP (Hunter: The Reckoning) Ouija Board Stories: Chilling True Horror Stories Of Ouija Boards Gone Wrong (Ouija Board Stories, Ghost Stories, True Horror Stories, Ouija Board Nightmares, Haunted Places Book 1) Manifolds, Tensors, and Forms: An Introduction for Mathematicians and Physicists STEM Through the Months - Back to School Edition: for Budding Scientists, Engineers, Mathematicians, Makers and Poets Leonhard Euler and the Bernoullis: Mathematicians from Basel Engines of Logic: Mathematicians and the Origin of the Computer Asimov Laughs Again: More Than 700 Favorite Jokes, Limericks, and Anecdotes Asimov Laughs Again: More Than 700 Jokes, Limericks, and Anecdotes Absolute Zero Gravity: Science Jokes, Quotes and Anecdotes Anecdotes of Destiny Memories: Anecdotes of a Modern-Day Saint, Vol. 3 Bizarre True Stories: Weird And Unusual True Stories Of The Paranormal, Strange Sightings, Eerie True Ghost Stories And Unexplained Phenomena (True Paranormal ... True Ghost Stories And Hauntings) Ghost Stories: Petrifying True Ghost Stories Of The Undead And Their Supernatural Tales (Ghost Stories, True Ghost Stories, Conspiracy Theories, True Ghost ... And Hauntings, Haunted Asylums, Book 1) True Ghost Stories And Hauntings: Horrifying True Paranormal Hauntings From The Last 300 Years: Creepy True Ghost Stories And Accounts (True Ghost Stories, True Paranormal, Bizarre True Stories) Bizarre True Stories: Weird and Unusual True Stories of the Paranormal, Strange Sightings, Eerie True Ghost

Stories and Unexplained Phenomena

[Dmca](#)