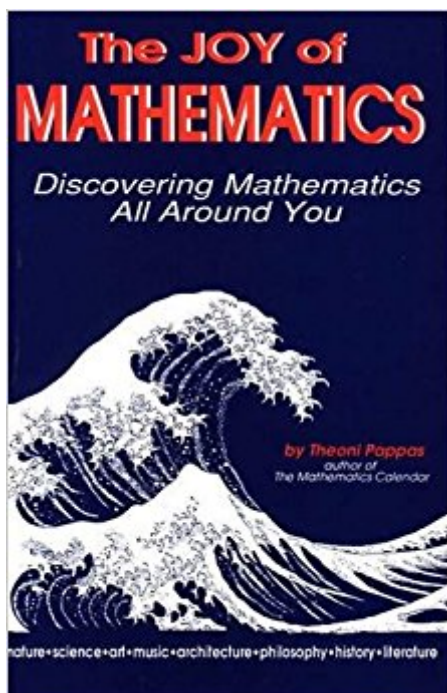


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Synopsis

Part of the joy of mathematics is that it is everywhere—in soap bubbles, electricity, da Vinci's masterpieces, even in an ocean wave. Written by the well-known mathematics teacher consultant, this volume's collection of over 200 clearly illustrated mathematical ideas, concepts, puzzles, and games shows where they turn up in the "real" world. You'll find out what a googol is, visit hotel infinity, read a thorny logic problem that was stumping them back in the 8th century. THE JOY OF MATHEMATICS is designed to be opened at random—it's mini essays are self-contained providing the reader with an enjoyable way to explore and experience mathematics at its best.

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a true joy. love the layout and how it makes math so much fun

Awakens the want to learn mathematics

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Opens new meaning to what you live amongst and wakes new thoughts where none were available to self explain themselves.

If you or your kid like math and how its applied, then this is a fun book for you. Its light reading with about one topic per page.

This book may cover 147 topics, but each is only one or two pages long, much of which is taken up by illustrations. After listing a topic there is no depth showing how it relates to other topics, impacts our life, is useful or beautiful. After showing a topic of mathematics I'm left wondering why I might conceivably care.

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I love the idea behind this book. I'm not a math person, though, and I feel like I might be missing some of the joy in this book because of that. I bought it for my daughter to show how math was in every day life and hopefully inspire her. It didn't work for us in that regard, but I do think there is some good information in here. If I were a math teacher (even for elementary kids) I'd use this for a little brain teasers "Did you know--" kind of moment to maybe start each lesson with or a once a week reading of one of his topics in here, though younger kids would require some modification of the presentation. I like the broader historical information that makes math seem less only about numbers and more about the people who first discovered/used different types of math. THAT part I find very interesting. There are little short chapters with mathematical topics and often illustrations to go with them. Some are more complicated than others. The Evolution of Base Ten explanation was neat for us both. But, for example, the Transfinite Numbers topic baffled us both and the chapter on The Cycloid--The Helen of Geometry made our eyes glaze over even before we reached the end of the short chapter. Again-- I am not a mathematician or anything close to one, so that certainly skews my review. However, I know I'm not alone in having a somewhat checkered past with math. I do think this is a tough topic to make exciting (says the not-mathematics-major) and I respect the author's intent to highlight the history behind certain math concepts and the implications of others. I'm glad to have it, but it's not a cover-to-cover read or necessarily one that my daughter will end up using at all. But I like learning new things, so I'll probably read it myself one day.

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