# **Reference and Book List**

The **Reference** section of the Notices is intended to provide the reader with frequently sought information in an easily accessible manner. New information is printed as it becomes available and is referenced after the first printing. As soon as information is updated or otherwise changed, it will be noted in this section.

#### **Upcoming Deadlines**

**April 1, 1999:** Deadline for applications for AWM Mentoring Travel Grants (see page 473 this issue). For more information: telephone 301-405-7892, e-mail awm@math.umd.edu.

April 5, 1999: Deadline for submission of proposals for Short-Term Project Development Grants from the Office of International Affairs of the National Research Council. For more information, contact the Office of International Affairs, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW (FO 2060), Washington, DC 20418; telephone 202-334-3680; fax 202-334-2614; e-mail ocee@nas.edu; World Wide Web http://www2.nas. edu/oia/22da.html.

**April 12, 1999:** Deadline for proposals for the 2000 NSF-CBMS Regional Conferences. For more information, contact the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences, 1529 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; telephone 202-293-1170; fax 202-265-2384; World Wide Web

http://www.maa.org/cbms/nsf/ 2000nsf.html; e-mail kolbe@math. georgetown.edu or rosier@math. georgetown.edu. See also the announcement of the upcoming NSF-CBMS Regional Conferences, to be held in the summer of 1999, which appeared in the February 1999 Notices.

April 16, 1999: Deadline for applications for Project NExT Fellowships. For more information, see the Project NExT home page (http://archives. math.utk.edu/projnext/), or con-

#### Where to Find It

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Bylaws of the American Mathematical Society November 1997, p. 1339

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Mathematical Sciences Education Board and Staff May 1998, p. 632

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**Program officers for federal funding agencies (DoD, DoE, NSF)** *October 1998, pp. 1182–1184, February 1999, p. 244*  ment of Mathematics, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469; telephone 937-229-2103; e-mail higgins@ saber.udayton.edu.

July 19, 1999: Deadline for proposals for the second VIGRE Grant competition. For more information, consult the NSF Web site at http:// www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub? nsf9916/.

July 30, 1999: Deadline for submission of proposals for Long-Term Project Development Grants from the Office of International Affairs of the National Research Council. For more information, contact the Office of International Affairs, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW (FO 2060), Washington, DC 20418; telephone 202-334-3680; fax 202-334-2614; e-mail ocee@nas.edu; World Wide Web http://www2.nas.edu/ oia/22da.html.

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## **Book List**

The Book List highlights books that have mathematical themes and hold appeal for a wide audience, including mathematicians, students, and a significant portion of the general public. When a book has been reviewed in the Notices, a reference is given to the review. Generally the list will contain only books published within the last two years, though exceptions may be made in cases where current events (e.g., the death of a prominent mathematician, coverage of a certain piece of mathematics in the news) warrant drawing readers' attention to older books. Suggestions for books to include on the list may be sent to the Managing Editor, e-mail: notices@ams.org.

Abraham Robinson: The Creation of Nonstandard Analysis, a Personal and Mathematical Odyssey, by Joseph Warren Dauben. Princeton University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-691-05911X.

*The Algorithmic Beauty of Sea Shells (Virtual Laboratory)*, by Hans Meinhardt, Przemyslaw Prusinkiewicz, and Deborah R. Fowler. Springer-Verlag, 1998. ISBN 3-540-63919-5.

*The Apprenticeship of a Mathematician*, by André Weil, translation by Jennifer Gage, Birkhaüser Boston, 1992. ISBN 0-817-62650-6. (Reviewed in this issue.)

A Beautiful Mind: A Biography of John Forbes Nash, Jr., by Sylvia Nasar, Simon & Schuster, 1998. ISBN 0-684-81906-6. (Reviewed November 1998.)

*Challenges*, by Serge Lang. Springer-Verlag, 1998. ISBN 0-387-94861-9. Drawbridge Up: Mathematics—A Cultural Anathema (Zugbrücke ausser Betrieb: Die Mathematik im Jenseits der Kultur), by Hans Magnus Enzensberger. A. K. Peters, 1999. ISBN 1-56881-099-7.

*e: The Story of a Number*, by Eli Maor. Paperback edition, Princeton University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-691-05854-7.

Fashionable Nonsense: Postmodern Intellectuals' Abuse of Science, by Alan Sokal and Jean Bricmont. English version of Impostures Intellectuelles (reviewed August 1998). St. Martin's Press, 1998. ISBN 0-312-19545-1.

*The Feynman Processor*, by Gerard J. Milburn and Paul Davies. Helix Books, Perseus, 1998. ISBN 0-738-20016-6.

*Geometry Civilized: History, Culture, and Technique*, by John Heilbron, Oxford University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-19-850078-5.

*Goodbye, Descartes: The End of Logic and the Search for a New Cosmology of the Mind*, by Keith Devlin. John Wiley & Sons, 1998. ISBN 0-471-14216-6.

An Imaginary Tale: The Story of  $\sqrt{-1}$ , by Paul J. Nahin. Princeton University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-691-02795-1.

*The Jungles of Randomness: A Mathematical Safari*, by Ivars Peterson. Paperback edition, John Wiley & Sons, 1998. ISBN 0-471-29587-6.

*The Language of Mathematics: Making the Invisible Visible*, by Keith Devlin. W. H. Freeman and Company, 1998. ISBN 0-716-73379-X.

*Life by the Numbers*, by Keith Devlin. John Wiley & Sons, 1998. ISBN 0-471-24044-3.

The Man Who Loved Only Numbers: The Story of Paul Erdős and the Search for Mathematical Truth, by Paul Hoffman. Hyperion, 1998. ISBN 0-786-86362-5. (Reviewed October 1998.)

*Mathematical Reasoning: Analogies, Metaphors, and Images*, edited by Lyn English. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. ISBN 0-8058-1979-7.

*Mathematics for the Curious*, by Peter M. Higgins. Oxford University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-192-88072-1.

Mathematics: From the Birth of Numbers, by Jan Gullberg, Peter

Hilton. W. W. Norton and Company, 1997. ISBN ISBN 0-393-04002-X.

*Modern Mathematics in the Light of the Fields Medals*, by Michael Monastyrsky. AK Peters, 1997. ISBN 1-568-81065-2.

Moral Calculations: Game Theory, Logic, and Human Frailty, by László Mérő. Copernicus-Springer Verlag, 1998. ISBN 0-387-98419-4.

*My Brain is Open: The Mathematical Journeys of Paul Erdős*, by Bruce Schecter. Simon & Schuster, 1998. ISBN 0-684-84635-7.

*The Number Devil*, by Hans Magnus Enzensberger. Metropolitan Books, 1998. ISBN 0-805-05770-6.

*Once Upon a Number: A Mathematician Bridges Stories and Statistics,* by John Allen Paulos. Basic Books, 1998. ISBN 0-465-05158-8.

*Paul Dirac: The Man and His Work*, by Abraham Pais, Maurice Jacob, David Olive, and Michael Atiyah. Cambridge University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-521-58382-9. (Reviewed October 1998.)

Philosophy of Mathematics: An Introduction to a World of Proofs and Pictures, by James Robert Brown, Routledge, 1998. ISBN 0-415-12274-0.

*The Pleasures of Counting*, by T. W. Körner. Cambridge University Press, 1997. ISBN 0-521-56087-X; 0-521-56823-4. (Reviewed March 1998)

*Polyhedra*, by Peter Cromwell. Cambridge University Press, 1997. ISBN 0-521-55432-2. (Reviewed September 1998)

Privacy on the Line: The Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption, by Whitfield Diffie and Susan Landau. MIT Press, 1997. ISBN 0-262-04167-7. (Reviewed June/July 1998)

*Proofs from the Book*, by Martin Aigner and Günter Ziegler. Springer-Verlag, 1998. ISBN 3-540-63698-6.

*Randomness*, Deborah Bennett. Harvard University Press, 1998. ISBN 0-674-10745-4.

Reasoning with the Infinite: From the Closed World to the Mathematical Universe, by Michel Blay (translated by M. B. DeBevoise). University of Chicago Press, 1998. ISBN 0-226-05834-4.

*Strength in Numbers*, by Sherman Stein. John Wiley & Sons, 1996. ISBN 0-471-152528-8.

*Tracking the Automatic Ant, and Other Mathematical Explorations, by-*

David Gale, Springer-Verlag, 1998. ISBN 0-387-98272-8.

*The Universe and the Teacup: The Mathematics of Truth and Beauty*, by K.C. Cole. Hartcourt Brace, 1998. ISBN 0-151-00323-8. (Reviewed March 1999.)

Visual Explanations—Images and Quantities, Evidence and Narrative, by Edward R. Tufte, Graphics Press, 1997. ISBN 0-961-39212-6. (Reviewed January 1999.)

*What is Mathematics, Really?*, by Reuben Hersh, Oxford University Press, 1997. ISBN 0-19-511368-3.

*Women in Mathematics: The Addition of Difference*, by Claudia Henrion. Indiana University Press, 1997. ISBN 0-253-33279-6. (Reviewed May 1998.)