

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.

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Upcoming Deadlines

February 16, 2007: Nominations for CMI Liftoff fellowships. See http://claymath.org/fas/liftoff_fellows/; telephone: 617-995-2600;

email: nominations@claymath.org.

March 1, 2007: Applications for National Academies Christine Mirzayan Graduate Fellowships for the summer program. See <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/policyfellows> or contact the National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Room 508, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-334-2455; fax: 202-334-1667; email: policyfellows@nas.edu.

March 12, 2007: Proposals for NSF program for research involving interactions between mathematical sciences and computer science. See

"Mathematics Opportunities" in this issue.

March 31, 2007: Nominations for Third World Academy of Sciences Prizes. See "Mathematics Opportunities" in this issue.

April 15, 2007: Applications for AMS "Math in Moscow" Scholarships for fall 2007. See <http://www.mccme.ru/mathinmoscow> or contact Math in Moscow, P.O. Box 524, Wynnewood, PA 19096; fax +7095-291-65-01; email: mim@mccme.ru. For information and application forms for the AMS scholarships see <http://www.ams.org/outreach/mimoscow.html> or contact Math in Moscow Program, Membership and Programs Department, American Mathematical Soci-

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ety, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294; email: student-serv@ams.org.

April 16, 2007: Applications for Project NExT: New Experiences for Teaching. See "Mathematics Opportunities" in this issue.

May 1, 2007: Applications for AWM Travel Grants. See <http://www.awm-math.org/travelgrants.html>; telephone 703-934-0163; email: awm@math.umd.edu; or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

June 1, 2007: Applications for National Academies Christine Mirzayan Graduate Fellowships for the fall program. See <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/policyfellows> or contact the National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Room 508, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-334-2455; fax: 202-334-1667; email: policy-fellows@nas.edu.

June 5, 2007: Proposals for Enhancing the Mathematical Sciences Workforce in the Twenty-First Century. See http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf05595.

June 30, 2007: Nominations for 2007 Fermat Prize. See <http://www.math.ups-tlse.fr/Fermat/>.

October 1, 2007: Applications for AWM Travel Grants. See <http://www.awm-math.org/travelgrants.html>; telephone 703-934-0163; email: awm@math.umd.edu; or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Board on Mathematical Sciences and Their Applications, National Research Council

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Book List

The Book List highlights books that have mathematical themes and are aimed at a broad audience potentially including mathematicians, students, and 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 notices-booklist@ams.org.

*Added to "Book List" since the list's last appearance.

An Abundance of Katherines, by John Green. Dutton Juvenile Books, September 2006. ISBN 0-525-47688-1.

Alan Turing's Automatic Computing Engine: The Master Codebreaker's Struggle to Build the Modern Computer, edited by B. Jack Copeland. Oxford University Press, June 2005. ISBN 0-198-56593-3.

Analysis and Probability: Wavelets, Signals, Fractals by Palle E. T. Jorgensen. Springer, September 2006. ISBN 0-387-29519-4.

Arthur Cayley: Mathematician Laureate of the Victorian Age, by Tony Crilly. Johns Hopkins University Press, December 2005. ISBN 0-801-88011-4.

The Artist and the Mathematician: The Story of Nicolas Bourbaki, the Genius Mathematician Who Never Existed, by Amir D. Aczel. Thunder's Mouth Press, August 2006. ISBN 1-560-25931-0.

A Beautiful Math: John Nash, Game Theory, and the Modern Quest for a Code of Nature, by Tom Siegfried. Joseph Henry Press, October 2006. ISBN 0-309-10192-1.

**Bourbaki, A Secret Society of Mathematicians*, Maurice Mashaal. AMS, June 2006. ISBN 0-8218-3967-5.

The Coxeter Legacy: Reflections and Projections, edited by Chandler Davis and Erich W. Ellers. AMS, March 2006. ISBN 0-8218-3722-2.

Dark Hero of the Information Age: In Search of Norbert Wiener, by Flo Conway and Jim Siegelman. Basic Books, December 2004. ISBN 0-738-20368-8. (Reviewed May 2006.)

Decoding the Universe: How the New Science of Information Is Explaining Everything in the Cosmos, from Our Brains to Black Holes, by Charles Seife. Viking Adult, February 2006. ISBN 0-670-03441-X.

Descartes: A Biography, by Desmond Clarke. Cambridge University Press, March 2006. ISBN 0-521-82301-3.

Descartes: The Life and Times of a Genius, by A. C. Grayling. Walker & Company, November 2006. ISBN 0-8027-1501-X.

The Equations: Icons of Knowledge, by Sander Bais. Harvard University Press, November 2005. ISBN 0-674-01967-9.

The Essential Turing, edited by B. Jack Copeland. Oxford University Press, September 2004. ISBN 0-198-25080-0. (Reviewed November 2006.)

Euclid in the Rainforest: Discovering Universal Truths in Logic and Math, by Joseph Mazur. Pi Press, October 2004. ISBN 0-131-47994-6.

Euler through Time: A New Look at Old Themes, by V. S. Varadarajan. AMS, June 2006. ISBN 0-8218-3580-7.

**Evolutionary Dynamics: Exploring the Equations of Life*, by Martin Nowak. Belknap Press, September 2006. ISBN 0-674-02338-2.

**The Fabulous Fibonacci Numbers*, by Alfred S. Posamentier and Ingmar Lehmann. Prometheus Books, February 2007. ISBN 1-591-02475-7.

Fearless Symmetry: Exposing the Hidden Patterns of Numbers, by Avner Ash and Robert Gross. Princeton University Press, May 2006. ISBN 0-691-12492-2. (Reviewed January 2007.)

**From Cosmos to Chaos: The Science of Unpredictability*, by Peter Coles. Oxford University Press, August 2006. ISBN 0-198-56762-6.

From Zero to Infinity: What Makes Numbers Interesting, by Constance Reid. Fiftieth anniversary edition, A K Peters, February 2006. ISBN 1-568-81273-6. (Reviewed February 2007.)

Gödel's Theorem: An Incomplete Guide to Its Use and Abuse, by Torkel Franzen. A K Peters, May 2005. ISBN 1-568-81238-8. (Reviewed in this issue.)

**Great Feuds in Mathematics: Ten of the Liveliest Disputes Ever*, by Hal Hellman. Wiley, September 2006. ISBN 0-471-64877-9.

Hiding in the Mirror: The Mysterious Allure of Extra Dimensions, from Plato to String Theory and Beyond, by Lawrence M. Krauss. Viking Adult, October 2005. ISBN 0-670-03395-2.

**How Mathematics Happened*, by Peter S. Rudman. Prometheus Books, October 2006. ISBN 1-591-02477-3.

How to Cut a Cake: And Other Mathematical Conundrums, by Ian Stewart. Oxford University Press, November 2006. ISBN 0-199-20590-6.

Incompleteness: The Proof and Paradox of Kurt Gödel, by Rebecca Goldstein. W. W. Norton, February 2005. ISBN 0-393-05169-2. (Reviewed April 2006.)

Infinite Ascent: A Short History of Mathematics, by David Berlinski. Modern Library, September 2005. ISBN 0-679-64234-X.

It's about Time: Understanding Einstein's Relativity, by N. David Mermin. Princeton University Press, September 2005. ISBN 0-691-12201-6.

John von Neumann: Selected Letters, edited by Miklós Rédei. AMS, November 2005. ISBN 0-8218-3776-1.

King of Infinite Space: Donald Coxeter, the Man Who Saved Geometry, by Siobhan Roberts. Walker & Company, September 2006. ISBN 0-802-71499-4.

The Lifebox, the Seashell, and the Soul: What Gnarly Computation Taught Me about Ultimate Reality, the Meaning of Life, and How to Be Happy, by Rudy Rucker. Thunder's Mouth Press, October 2005. ISBN 1-560-25722-9.

A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines, by Janna Levin. Knopf, August 2006. ISBN 1-400-04030-2.

The Man Who Knew Too Much: Alan Turing and the Invention of the Computer, by David Leavitt. Great Discoveries series, W. W. Norton, December 2005. ISBN 0-393-05236-2. (Reviewed November 2006.)

The Math Instinct: Why You're a Mathematical Genius (along with Lobsters, Birds, Cats, and Dogs), by Keith Devlin. Thunder's Mouth Press, March 2005. ISBN 1-56025-672-9.

Mathematical Illustrations: A Manual of Geometry and PostScript, by Bill Caselman. Cambridge University Press, December 2004. ISBN 0-521-54788-1. (Reviewed January 2007.)

**Mathematics and Common Sense: A Case of Creative Tension*, by Philip J. Davis. A K Peters, October 2006. ISBN 1-568-81270-1.

**Measuring the World*, by Daniel Kehlmann. Pantheon, November 2006. ISBN 0-375-42446-6.

More Mathematical Astronomy Morsels, by Jean Meeus. Willmann-Bell, 2002. ISBN 0-943396-743.

Musimathics: The Mathematical Foundations of Music, Volume 1, by Gareth Loy. MIT Press, September 2006. ISBN 0-262-12282-0.

Mystic, Geometer, and Intuitionist: The Life of L. E. J. Brouwer. Volume 2: Hope and Disillusion, by Dirk van Dalen. Oxford University Press, October 2005. ISBN 0-198-51620-7.

The Newtonian Moment: Isaac Newton and the Making of Modern Culture, by Mordechai Feingold. New York Library and Oxford University Press, December 2004. ISBN 0-195-17735-5.

Not Even Wrong: The Failure of String Theory and the Continuing Challenge to Unify the Laws of Physics, by Peter Woit. Jonathan Cape, April 2006. ISBN 0-224-07605-1.

Once upon Einstein, by Thibault D'Amour. A K Peters, March 2006. ISBN 1-568-81289-2.

The Pea and the Sun: A Mathematical Paradox, by Leonard M. Wapner. A K Peters, April 2005. ISBN 1-568-81213-2. (Reviewed October 2006.)

Piano Hinged Dissections: Time to Fold!, by Greg Frederickson. A K Peters, October 2006. ISBN 1-568-81299-X.

Piero della Francesca: A Mathematician's Art, by J. V. Field. Yale University Press, August 2005. ISBN 0-300-10342-5. (Reviewed in this issue.)

**Prince of Mathematics: Carl Friedrich Gauss*, by M. B. W. Tent. A K Peters, January 2006. ISBN 1-568-81261-2.

Pursuit of Genius: Flexner, Einstein, and the Early Faculty at the Institute for Advanced Study, by Steve Batterson. A K Peters, June 2006. ISBN 1-568-81259-0.

Reality Conditions: Short Mathematical Fiction, by Alex Kasman. Mathematical Association of America, May 2005. ISBN 0-88385-552-6. (Reviewed August 2006.)

Reflections: V. I. Arnold's Reminiscences, by V. I. Arnold. Springer, April 2006. ISBN 3-540-28734-5.

The Road to Reality: A Complete Guide to the Laws of the Universe, by Roger Penrose. Knopf, February 2005. ISBN 0-679-45443-8. (Reviewed June/July 2006.)

The Secret Life of Numbers: 50 Easy Pieces on How Mathematicians Work and Think, by George G. Szpiro. Joseph Henry Press, March 2006. ISBN 0-309-09658-8.

Shadows of Reality: The Fourth Dimension in Relativity, Cubism, and Modern Thought, by Tony Robbin. Yale University Press, March 2006. ISBN 0-300-11039-1.

The Shoelace Book: A Mathematical Guide to the Best (and Worst) Ways to Lace Your Shoes, by Burkard Polster. AMS, June 2006. ISBN 0-8218-3933-0. (Reviewed December 2006.)

Stalking the Riemann Hypothesis: The Quest to Find the Hidden Law of Prime Numbers, by Dan Rockmore. Pantheon, April 2005. ISBN 0-375-42136-X. (Reviewed September 2006.)

Symmetry and the Monster: The Story of One of the Greatest Quests of Mathematics, by Mark Ronan. Oxford University Press, May 2006. ISBN 0-192-80722-6. (Reviewed February 2007.)

The Three Body Problem, by Catherine Shaw. Allison and Busby, March 2005. ISBN 0-749-08347-6. (Reviewed October 2006.)

The Trouble with Physics: The Rise of String Theory, the Fall of a Science, and What Comes Next, by Lee Smolin. Joseph Henry Press, October 2006. ISBN 0-309-10192-1.

Unknown Quantity: A Real and Imaginary History of Algebra, by John Derbyshire. Joseph Henry Press, May 2006. ISBN 0-309-09657-X.

Yearning for the Impossible: The Surprising Truths of Mathematics, by John Stillwell. A K Peters, May 2006. ISBN 1-568-81254-X.

About the Cover

The cover on this issue is from the manuscript of Piero della Francesca's *De Prospectiva Pingendi* now in the Palatina Library of Parma. It is one of a series of illustrations showing how to draw the human head in perspective, an extraordinarily complicated task if done as meticulously as done here. In the series, Piero maps the head, using numbers as rather arbitrary labels. This is discussed by J. V. Field in the book reviewed by Michele Emmer in this issue, but in more detail in her earlier book *Invention of Infinity*, reviewed by Tony Phillips in the January, 2001, issue of the *Notices*.

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