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# Reference and Book List

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## Upcoming Deadlines

**February 15, 2008:** Nominations for Clay Mathematics Institute (CMI) Summer Liftoff Program. See the website [http://claymath.org/fas/liftoff\\_fellows/](http://claymath.org/fas/liftoff_fellows/); telephone: 617-995-2600; email: `nominations@claymath.org`.

**February 15, 2008:** Applications for IPAM Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS). See <http://www.ipam.ucla.edu>.

**February 21, 2008:** Full proposals for NSF Undergraduate Biology and Mathematics (UBM) program. See "Mathematics Opportunities" in this issue.

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**February 29, 2008:** Applications for the 2008 Summer Program for Women in Mathematics (SPWM2008). Contact the director, Murli M. Gupta, email: [mmg@gwu.edu](mailto:mmg@gwu.edu); telephone: 202-994-4857; or visit the program's website at <http://www.gwu.edu/~spwm/>.

**March 1, 2008:** Applications for Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Summer Program. See <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/policyfellows>; or contact The National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program, 500 5th Street, NW, Room 508, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-334-2455; fax: 202-334-1667; email: [policyfellows@nas.edu](mailto:policyfellows@nas.edu).

**March 1, 2008 (tentative):** Applications for Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Program. See <http://www.edgeforwomen.org/enextyear.html>.

**March 31, 2008:** Nominations for prizes of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). See "Mathematics Opportunities" in this issue.

**March 31, 2008:** Nominations for 2008 Prize for Achievement in Information-Based Complexity. Contact Joseph Traub at [traub@cs.columbia.edu](mailto:traub@cs.columbia.edu).

**April 15, 2008:** Applications for Math in Moscow for fall 2008. See <http://www.mccme.ru/mathinmoscow>, or write to: Math in Moscow, P. O. Box 524, Wynnewood, PA 19096; fax +7095-291-65-01; email: [mim@mccme.ru](mailto:mim@mccme.ru); or contact Math in Moscow Program, Membership and Programs Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence RI 02904-2294; email: [student-serv@ams.org](mailto:student-serv@ams.org).

**May 1, 2008:** Applications for AWM Travel Grants. See <http://www.awm-math.org/travelgrants.html>; telephone 703-934-0163; email: [awm@awm-math.edu](mailto:awm@awm-math.edu); or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

**May 1, 2008:** Applications for May review for the National Academies Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs. See

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/rap/index.html> or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email: [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu).

**June 1, 2008:** Applications for Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship 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: [policyfellows@nas.edu](mailto:policyfellows@nas.edu).

**June 10, 2008:** Proposals for Enhancing the Mathematical Sciences Workforce in the Twenty-First Century. See [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf05595](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf05595).

**August 1, 2008:** Applications for August review for the National Academies Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs. See <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/rap/index.html> or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email: [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu).

**August 18, 2008:** Applications for NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program sites. See [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07569](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07569).

**October 1, 2008:** Applications for AWM Travel Grants. See <http://www.awm-math.org/travelgrants.html>; telephone: 703-934-0163; email: [awm@awm-math.edu](mailto:awm@awm-math.edu); or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

**November 1, 2008:** Applications for November review for the National Academies Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs. See <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/rap/index.html> or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC

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### 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](mailto:notices-booklist@ams.org).*

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*Alfred Tarski: Life and Logic*, by Anita Burdman Feferman and Solomon Feferman. Cambridge University Press, October 2004. ISBN 0-521-80240-7. (Reviewed September 2007.)

*Ants, Bikes, and Clocks: Problem Solving for Undergraduates*, by William Briggs. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2005. ISBN 0-89871-574-1.

*The Archimedes Codex*, by Reviel Netz and William Noel. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-29764-547-4.

*The Art of Mathematics: Coffee Time in Memphis*, by Béla Bollobás. Cambridge University Press, September 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-52169-395-0.

*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. (Reviewed October 2007.)

*Benjamin Franklin's Numbers: An Unsung Mathematical Odyssey*, by Paul C. Pasles. Princeton University

Press, October 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-69112-956-3.

*The Best of All Possible Worlds: Mathematics and Destiny*, by Ivar Ekeland. University of Chicago Press, October 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-226-19994-8.

*Bourbaki, a Secret Society of Mathematicians*, by Maurice Mashaal. AMS, June 2006. ISBN 0-8218-3967-5. (Reviewed October 2007.)

*The Calculus Wars: Newton, Leibniz, and the Greatest Mathematical Clash of All Time*, by Jason Socrates Bardi. Thunder's Mouth Press, April 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-56025-992-3.

*The Cat in Numberland*, by Ivar Ekeland. Cricket Books, April 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-8126-2744-2.

*A Certain Ambiguity: A Mathematical Novel*, by Gaurav Suri and Hartosh Singh Bal. Princeton University Press, June 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-12709-5. (Reviewed February 2008.)

*Chases and Escapes: The Mathematics of Pursuit and Evasion*, by Paul J. Nahin. Princeton University Press, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-69112-514-5.

*Descartes: A Biography*, by Desmond Clarke. Cambridge University Press, March 2006. ISBN 0-521-82301-3. (Reviewed January 2008.)

*\*Does Measurement Measure Up?: How Numbers Reveal and Conceal the Truth*, by John Henshaw. Johns Hopkins University Press, March 2006. ISBN-13: 978-08018-8375-0.

*Einstein's Heroes: Imagining the World through the Language of Mathematics*, by Robyn Arianrhod. Oxford University Press, July 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-195-30890-7.

*Ernst Zermelo: An Approach to His Life and Work*, by Heinz-Dieter Ebbinghaus. Springer, April 2007. ISBN-13: 978-3-540-49551-2.

*Flatland—The Movie: A Journey of Many Dimensions*. Flatworld Productions, 2007. Special Educator Edition DVD, <http://store.flatlandthemovie.com>. (Reviewed November 2007.)

*Fly Me to the Moon: An Insider's Guide to the New Science of Space Travel*, by Edward Belbruno. Princeton University Press, January 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-12822-1.

*The Great  $\pi/e$  Debate: Which Is the Better Number?*, DVD by Colin Adams and Thomas Garrity. Mathematical

Association of America, 2007. ISBN 0-88385-900-9.

*A History of Abstract Algebra*, by Israel Kleiner. Birkhäuser, October 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-8176-4684-4.

*How Mathematicians Think: Using Ambiguity, Contradiction, and Paradox to Create Mathematics*, by William Byers. Princeton University Press, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-6911-2738-5. (Reviewed December 2007.)

*I Am a Strange Loop*, by Douglas R. Hofstadter. Basic Books, March 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-46503-078-1. (Reviewed August 2007.)

*\*The Indian Clerk*, by David Leavitt. Bloomsbury USA, September 2007. ISBN-13: 978-15969-1040-9.

*An Introduction to Gödel's Theorems*, by Peter Smith. Cambridge University Press, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-52167-453-9.

*John von Neumann: Selected Letters*, edited by Miklós Rédei. AMS, November 2005. ISBN 0-8218-3776-1. (Reviewed June/July 2007.)

*Karl Pearson: The Scientific Life in a Statistical Age*, by Theodore M. Porter. Princeton University Press, (new edition) December 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-69112-635-7. (Reviewed December 2007.)

*The Legacy of Mario Pieri in Geometry and Arithmetic*, by Elena Anne Marchisotto and James T. Smith. Birkhäuser, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-8176-3210-6.

*Leonhard Euler*, by Emil A. Fellmann. Birkhäuser, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-3-7643-7538-6.

*Leonhard Euler, a Man to Be Reckoned With*, by Andreas K. Heyne and Alice K. Heyne. Birkhäuser, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-3-7643-8332-9. (Reviewed in this issue.)

*Letters to a Young Mathematician*, by Ian Stewart. Perseus Books, April 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-465-08231-5. (Reviewed May 2007.)

*The Math behind the Music*, by Leon Harkleroad. Cambridge University Press, August 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-521-00935-5.

*Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle-School Math without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail*, by Danica McKellar. Hudson Street Press, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-5946-3039-2.

*Mathematical Mind-Benders*, by Peter Winkler. A K Peters, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-15688-1336-3.

*The Mathematician's Brain*, by David Ruelle. Princeton University Press, July 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-12982-2.

*Mathematics at Berkeley: A History*, by Calvin C. Moore. AK Peters, February 2007. ISBN-13: 978-15688-130-28.

*The Millennium Prize Problems*, edited by James Carlson, Arthur Jaffe, and Andrew Wiles. AMS, June 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-8218-3679-8.

*The Mind of the Mathematician*, by Michael Fitzgerald and Ioan James. Johns Hopkins University Press, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-8018-8587-7.

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

*More Sex Is Safer Sex: The Unconventional Wisdom of Economics*, by Steven E. Landsburg. Free Press, April 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-416-53221-7.

*The Motion Paradox: The 2,500-Year Old Puzzle behind All the Mysteries of Time and Space*, by Joseph Mazur. Dutton Adult, April 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-52594-992-3.

*Mr. Hopkins' Men: Cambridge Reform and British Mathematics in the 19th Century*, by A. D. D. Craki. Springer, July 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-8462-8790-9.

*Music and Probability*, by David Temperley. MIT Press, January 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-262-20166-7.

*Music: A Mathematical Offering*, by David J. Benson. Cambridge University Press, December 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-521-61999-8.

*Negative Math: How Mathematics Rules Can Be Positively Bent*, by Alberto A. Martinez. Princeton University Press, November 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-12309-7.

*New Theories of Everything*, by John D. Barrow. Oxford University Press, July 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-192-80721-2.

*Nonplussed! Mathematical Proof of Implausible Ideas*, by Julian Havil. Princeton University Press, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-12056-0.

*The Numbers behind NUMB3RS: Solving Crime with Mathematics*, by Keith Devlin and Gary Lorden. Plume, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-4522-8857-7.

*Out of the Labyrinth: Setting Mathematics Free*, by Robert Kaplan and Ellen Kaplan. Oxford University Press, January 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-19514-744-5.

*\*Perfect Figures: The Lore of Numbers and How We Learned to Count*, by Bunny Crumacker. Thomas Dunne Books, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-03123-6005-4.

*The Poincaré Conjecture: In Search of the Shape of the Universe*, by Donal O'Shea. Walker, March 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-8027-1532-6. (Reviewed January 2008.)

*Poincaré's Prize: The Hundred-Year Quest to Solve One of Math's Greatest Puzzles*, by George Szpiro. Dutton Adult, June 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-525-95024-0. (Reviewed January 2008.)

*The Probability of God: A Simple Calculation That Proves the Ultimate Truth*, by Stephen D. Unwin. Three Rivers Press (October 26, 2004). ISBN-13: 978-14000-5478-7. (Reviewed February 2008.)

*Project Origami: Activities for Exploring Mathematics*, by Thomas Hull. A K Peters, March 2006. ISBN 1-568-81258-2. (Reviewed May 2007.)

*Pythagoras: His Life, Teaching and Influence*, by Christoph Riedweg. Translated by Steven Rendall. Cornell University Press, March 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-80144-240-7.

*Pythagoras: The Mathemagician*, by Karim El-koussa. Cloonfad Press, September 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-97694-042-5.

*The Pythagorean Theorem: A 4000-Year History*, by Eli Maor. Princeton University Press, May 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-69112-526-8.

*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. (Reviewed April 2007.)

*Solving Mathematical Problems: A Personal Perspective*, by Terence Tao. Oxford University Press, September 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-199-20560-8.

*The Square Root of 2: A Dialogue Concerning a Number and a Sequence*, by David Flannery. Springer, December 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-38720-220-4.

*Superior Beings: If They Exist, How Would We Know? Game-Theoretic Im-*

*plications of Omnipotence, Omniscience, Immortality, and Incomprehensibility*, by Steven Brams. Springer, second edition, November 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-387-48065-7. (Reviewed February 2008.)

*Thinking about Gödel and Turing: Essays on Complexity, 1970-2007*, by Gregory J. Chaitin. World Scientific, August 2007. ISBN-13: 978-9-8127-0895-3.

*The Triumph of Numbers: How Counting Shaped Modern Life*, by I. B. Cohen. W. W. Norton, July 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0-393-32870-7. (Reviewed December 2007.)

*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. (Reviewed September 2007.)

*Useless Arithmetic: Why Environmental Scientists Can't Predict the Future*, by Orrin Pilkey and Linda Pilkey-Jarvis. Columbia University Press, February 2007. ISBN 0-231-13212-3.

*The Volterra Chronicles: The Life and Times of an Extraordinary Mathematician*, by Judith R. Goodstein. AMS, February 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-821-83969-0. (Reviewed in this issue.)

*Why Beauty Is Truth: The Story of Symmetry*, by Ian Stewart. Perseus Books Group, April 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-46508-236-0.

*Yearning for the Impossible: The Surprising Truths of Mathematics*, by John Stillwell. A K Peters, May 2006. ISBN 1-568-81254-X. (Reviewed June/July 2007.)

*You Failed Your Math Test, Comrade Einstein: Adventures and Misadventures of Young Mathematicians, or Test Your Skills in Almost Recreational Mathematics*, edited by M. Shifman. World Scientific, June 2005. ISBN-13: 978-9-8125-6279-1.