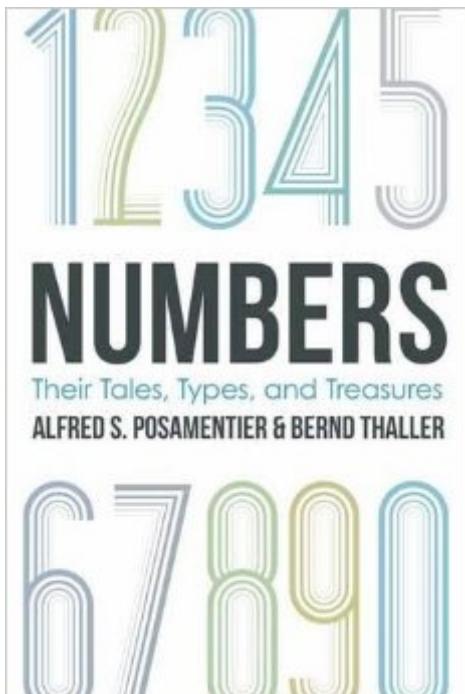


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# Numbers: Their Tales, Types, And Treasures



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Did you grow up thinking math is boring? It's time to reconsider. This book will teach you everything you ever wondered about numbers and more. How and why did human beings first start using numbers at the dawn of history? Would numbers exist if we *Homo sapiens* weren't around to discover them? What's so special about weird numbers like pi and the Fibonacci sequence? What about rational, irrational, real, and imaginary numbers? Why do we need them? Two veteran math educators explain it all in ways even the most math phobic will find appealing and understandable. You'll never look at those squiggles on your calculator the same again.

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Numbers are everyday objects and at the same time a cultural achievement of extraordinary importance. And this is a delightful book about numbers! It describes so many different aspects, like the cultural history of counting and number notation, the psychology of the number sense, and the philosophy of math and numbers, and combines it with mathematical entertainment. This broad range is what sets it apart from other books about numbers. So everybody should find something interesting here. The book certainly assumes some general knowledge of elementary mathematics from high school. But it is really not difficult. For the most part, it is actually quite easy to read and provides rather surprising answers (e.g., why is it so difficult to learn to count? What is the connection between combinatorial counting and poetry? How to construct magic squares? Is the

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