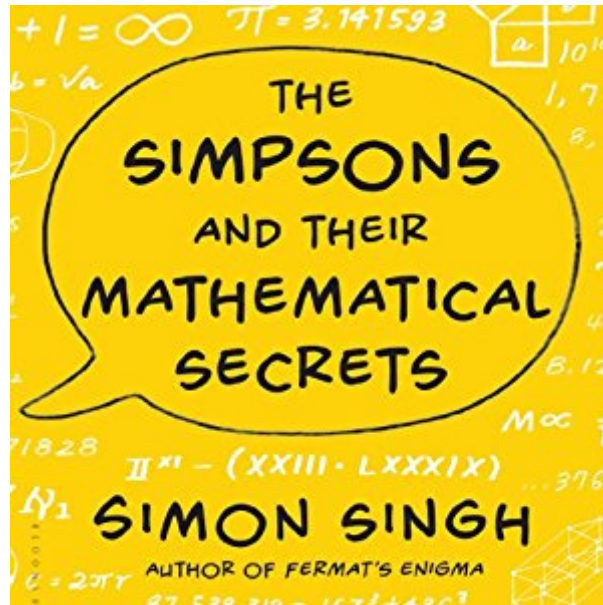


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The Simpsons And Their Mathematical Secrets



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The brainy new book by the best-selling author of Fermat's Enigma a must for anyone interested in numbers and mathematics as well as for the millions of Simpsons fans worldwide. Simon Singh offers fascinating new insights into the celebrated television series The Simpsons: That the show drip-feeds morsels of number theory into the minds of its viewers - indeed, that there are so many mathematical references in the show, and in its sister program, Futurama, that they could form the basis of an entire university course. Recounting memorable episodes from "Bart the Genius" to "Homer3," Singh brings alive intriguing and meaningful mathematical concepts - ranging from the mathematics of pi and the paradox of infinity to the origins of numbers and the most profound outstanding problems that haunt today's generation of mathematicians. In the process, he illuminates key moments in the history of mathematics, and introduces us to The Simpsons' brilliant writing team - the likes of David X. Cohen, Al Jean, Jeff Westbrook, and Stewart Burns, all of whom have various advanced degrees in mathematics, physics, and other sciences. Based on interviews with the writers of The Simpsons and replete with images from the shows, facsimiles of scripts, paintings and drawings, and other imagery, The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets will give anyone who reads it an entirely new mathematical insight into the most successful show in television history.

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Customer Reviews

I've been watching The Simpson's since I was a child, I believe around season 3 up until I got into college and simply had no time for them anymore. Stumbling around and watching youtube videos I

recently came across a channel called Numberphile. This is man that introduced to me about his book, Simon Singh (what an interesting hairstyle I'll add to that). Simon Singh got on, and within seconds into the video he blew my mind that The Simpson's writers were sneaking in bits of math in nearly every episode, this whole time, underneath my radar! And to think, the most obvious of them all was when Bart Simpson cheated off of Martin (well swapped exams) was littered with math gags from the start to finish and I just blew it off because it was a theme of that episode, ahh just a gifted school with lots of math- I didn't think much of it. All I'm going to say is "RD=RR." You'll definitely get it once you put in a little research which all sources came from this book. I loved it how Homer Simpson defies two of the greatest mathematicians in history. Where he scribbles a solutions to Fermat's last theorem where the exponent, n , has a solution where $n > 2$. Take a moment, this is Homer Simpson who is defying these people. I loved the reference of Apu and how he was able to recite pi to the 40,000th decimal place and the behind of the scenes of what it took to get a hold of that number. This book is wonderful, it's amazing, but certainly it's a surprising yellow book. Math and comedy? Who would have guessed? I had a wonderful discussion/time with my math professor about this, and she was laughing and was also in shocked, she too is a fan of The Simpsons and like many of us, she had no idea this was going on.

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