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**A Mind at Play** Addison-Wesley

What shape is the universe? Is it curved and closed in on itself? Is it expanding? Where is it headed? Could space be wrapped around itself, such that it produces ghost images of faraway galaxies? Such are the questions posed by Jean-Pierre Luminet in *The Wraparound Universe*, which he then addresses in clear and accessible language. An expert in black holes and the big bang, he leads us on a voyage through the surprising byways of space-time, where possible topologies of the universe, explorations of the infinite, and cosmic mirages combine their mysterious traits and unlock the imagination. *The Wraparound Universe* is a general-audience book about the overall topology or shape of the universe. The central question addressed is whether it is possible that the universe is wrapped around in an interesting way, and what impact this would have on astronomical observations and our understanding of cosmology. Along the way many of the general features and much of the history of the modern picture of cosmology are discussed.

**A Most Incomprehensible Thing** American Mathematical Soc.

The Mathematics of Juggling Springer Science & Business Media

**The Shaping of Deduction in Greek Mathematics** CRC Press

Produce your own circus! Make your own stilts, juggling sticks, and tightrope, then learn to use them; master the human pyramid; discover how to create your own circus acts and shows; and much more with *DIY Circus Lab for Kids*. Companion online video tutorials for every prop and skill make learning easy. Veteran circus educator Jackie Leigh Davis takes you, step by step, through the props and skills you need to perform all the major circus arts: Acrobatics, acrobalance, and human pyramids Balance arts Clowning Gyroscopic and toss juggling You'll learn how to make juggling balls, a hoola hoop, a rola bola, a clown nose and hat, and a pair of poi, among other circus essentials. With these props, you'll learn how to juggle, hoop, balance, perform clown gags, and more. Photo demonstrations, numbered steps, and online tutorials ensure you'll understand exactly how to make the props and perform the skills. Did you know that a tight rope walker in Ancient Greece was called a funambulus? Or that female jugglers can be found pictured in 4,000-year-old hieroglyphs on the wall of an Egyptian tomb? *DIY Circus Lab for Kids* includes the history of each family of circus skills. "Circademics" sidebars explore the science and academics behind the circus activities, like how the brain changes when you learn how to juggle. "Circusecrets" sidebars throughout connect circus arts to social and emotional skills, like listening, persistence, and asking for and giving help. Many of the skills in

this book are safe enough for kids to do themselves, with a few requiring an adult "spotter" so families or classes can enjoy them together. Once you've learned how to create your own circus with *DIY Circus Lab for Kids*, you can also: host a circus prop-making party, start a juggling club at school, clown at a senior center or daycare, start a community circus meet-up in a park, or integrate circus themes into your school's curriculum—the opportunities for circus fun are endless. The popular *Lab for Kids* series features a growing list of books that share hands-on activities and projects on a wide host of topics, including art, astronomy, clay, geology, math, and even bugs—all authored by established experts in their fields. Each lab contains a complete materials list, clear step-by-step photographs of the process, as well as finished samples. The labs can be used as singular projects or as part of a yearlong curriculum of experiential learning. The activities are open-ended, designed to be explored over and over, often with different results. Geared toward being taught or guided by adults, they are enriching for a range of ages and skill levels. Gain firsthand knowledge on your favorite topic with *Lab for Kids*.

**Life Hacks for Kids** MIT Press

"Organic Mathematics : Proceedings of the Organic Mathematics Workshop contained the article, 'Juggling Drops and Descents' by Joe Buhler, David Eisenbud, Ron Graham, & Colin Wright, which explored the mathematics of juggling. The purpose of this thesis is to expound, explore and expand up on this article and to expose it to the local mathematical community. It begins with an examination of juggling diagrams. Numerous definitions with illustrative examples are given and key theorems are proved in detail. We establish a fundamental enumeration result by investigating how to find all juggling patterns with a specified permutation. This is done by closely examining the properties of the drop triangle, which is an analogue of Pascal's Triangle. This result leads to the conjecture that the number of juggling, period  $n$ , patterns using fewer than  $B$  balls is  $Bn$ . This 'Enumeration Theorem' is established first by using 'drops' and then by establishing a bijection between circular walks and juggling patterns. This later bijection is analyzed by converting circular walks to linear walks which can then be related to the line diagrams of juggling patterns. The thesis also explores site swaps, composition of juggling patterns and the reverse of a juggling sequence"--Document.

**Combinatorics** Springer Science & Business Media

With a foreword by Tim Rice, this book will change the way you see the world. Why is it better to buy a lottery ticket on a Friday? Why are showers always too hot or too cold? And what's the connection between a rugby player taking a conversion and a tourist trying to get the best photograph of Nelson's Column? These and many other fascinating questions are answered in this entertaining and highly informative book, which is ideal for

anyone wanting to remind themselves – or discover for the first time – that maths is relevant to almost everything we do. Dating, cooking, travelling by car, gambling and even life-saving techniques have links with intriguing mathematical problems, as you will find explained here. Whether you have a PhD in astrophysics or haven't touched a maths problem since your school days, this book will give you a fresh understanding of the world around you.

**The Mathematical Ideas That Animate Great Magic Tricks** Portico

This fascinating behind-the-scenes look at movie math shows how fun and illuminating equations can be.

**How Claude Shannon Invented the Information Age** JHU Press

How many possible sudoku puzzles are there? In the lottery, what is the chance that two winning balls have consecutive numbers? Who invented Pascal's triangle? (it was not Pascal) Combinatorics, the branch of mathematics concerned with selecting, arranging, and listing or counting collections of objects, works to answer all these questions. Dating back some 3000 years, and initially consisting mainly of the study of permutations and combinations, its scope has broadened to include topics such as graph theory, partitions of numbers, block designs, design of codes, and latin squares. In this *Very Short Introduction* Robin Wilson gives an overview of the field and its applications in mathematics and computer theory, considering problems from the shortest routes covering certain stops to the minimum number of colours needed to colour a map with different colours for neighbouring countries. ABOUT THE SERIES: The *Very Short Introductions* series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**A Celebration of the Work of Ron Graham** The Mathematics of Juggling

As a juggler the author likes to finish his performances with a stunt that combines props and techniques from a variety of juggling disciplines. Imagine him idling on a giraffe unicycle, while balancing a spinning basketball on a mouth stick, and toss-juggling a sword, a toilet plunger, and a rubber chicken. As a mathematician he is also interested in the treasure trove of beautiful mathematics used to model the different activities in a juggler's repertoire. In this book he provides an intellectually stimulating collection of mostly self-contained mathematical essays that introduce the reader to many elegant results and techniques from a wide range of mathematical disciplines such as combinatorics, graph theory, knot theory, mechanics, differential equations, control theory, and robotics. "The Mathematics of Juggling" is the first comprehensive account summarizing and expanding the results in the literature on juggling tricks and skills,

as well as the mathematics behind these tricks and skills.

Anybody who is not put off by the word "mathematics" in the title of this book should have a good time reading it.

[The Mathematics of Juggling](#) Oxford University Press

"A little cement mixer learns that making mistakes isn't always a bad thing in this vehicle book"--

[Children, Computers, And Powerful Ideas](#) David C Cook

An examination of the emergence of the phenomenon of deductive argument in classical Greek mathematics.

**Putting Two and Two Together** Simon and Schuster

Presents unique craft projects that have been seen on the Life hacks for kids YouTube show, including feather earrings, melted crayon art, a headband holder, and indoor s'mores, and includes questions answered by Sunny.

[Techniques for Crafting Better Presentations](#) Tumblehome, Incorporated

In this charming volume, a noted English mathematician uses humor and anecdote to illuminate the concepts of groups, sets, subsets, topology, Boolean algebra, and other mathematical subjects. 200 illustrations.

[What It Is and How to Do It](#) Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

Online education has become a major component of higher education worldwide. In mathematics and statistics courses, there exists a number of challenges that are unique to the teaching and learning of mathematics and statistics in an online environment.

These challenges are deeply connected to already existing difficulties related to math anxiety, conceptual understanding of mathematical ideas, communicating mathematically, and the appropriate use of technology. Teaching and Learning Mathematics Online bridges these issues by presenting meaningful and practical solutions for teaching mathematics and statistics online. It focuses on the problems observed by mathematics instructors currently working in the field who strive to hone their craft and share best practices with our professional community. The book provides a set of standard practices, improving the quality of online teaching and the learning of mathematics. Instructors will benefit from learning new techniques and approaches to delivering content. Features Based on the experiences of working educators in the field Assimilates the latest technology developments for interactive distance education Focuses on mathematical education for developing early mathematics courses

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*Concepts of Modern Mathematics* American Mathematical Society Don't let your mathematical skills fail you! In Engineering, Construction, and Science examinations, marks are often lost through carelessness or from not properly understanding the mathematics involved. When there are only a few marks on offer for a part of a question, there may be full marks for a right answer and none for a wrong one, regardless of the thought that went into the answer. If you want to avoid losing these marks by improving the clarity both of your mathematical work and your mathematical understanding, then *Essential Maths for Engineering and Construction* is the book for you. We all make mistakes; who doesn't? But mistakes can be avoided when we

understand why we make them. Taking mistakes commonly made by undergraduate students as its entry point, this book not only looks at how you can prevent mistakes, but also provides a primer for the fundamental mathematical skills required for your degree discipline. Whether you struggle with different types of interest rates, geometry, statistics, calculus, or any of the other mathematical areas vital to your degree, this book will guide you around the pitfalls.

[A Study in Cognitive History](#) Simon and Schuster

A hugely enjoyable, brilliantly researched explanation of the basic principles of maths.

*Mindstorms* American Mathematical Soc.

A straightforward, enjoyable guide to the mathematics of Einstein's relativity To really understand Einstein's theory of relativity - one of the cornerstones of modern physics - you have to get to grips with the underlying mathematics. This self-study guide is aimed at the general reader who is motivated to tackle that not insignificant challenge. With a user-friendly style, clear step-by-step mathematical derivations, many fully solved problems and numerous diagrams, this book provides a comprehensive introduction to a fascinating but complex subject. For those with minimal mathematical background, the first chapter gives a crash course in foundation mathematics. The reader is then taken gently by the hand and guided through a wide range of fundamental topics, including Newtonian mechanics; the Lorentz transformations; tensor calculus; the Einstein field equations; the Schwarzschild solution (which gives a good approximation of the spacetime of our Solar System); simple black holes, relativistic cosmology and gravitational waves. Special relativity helps explain a huge range of non-gravitational physical phenomena and has some strangely counter-intuitive consequences. These include time dilation, length contraction, the relativity of simultaneity, mass-energy equivalence and an absolute speed limit. General relativity, the leading theory of gravity, is at the heart of our understanding of cosmology and black holes. "I must observe that the theory of relativity resembles a building consisting of two separate stories, the special theory and the general theory. The special theory, on which the general theory rests, applies to all physical phenomena with the exception of gravitation; the general theory provides the law of gravitation and its relations to the other forces of nature." - Albert Einstein, 1919 Understand even the basics of Einstein's amazing theory and the world will never seem the same again.

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**Connections in Discrete Mathematics** CRC Press

In this revolutionary book, a renowned computer scientist explains the importance of teaching children the basics of computing and how it can prepare them to succeed in the ever-evolving tech world. Computers have completely changed the way we teach children. We have Mindstorms to thank for that. In this book, pioneering computer scientist Seymour Papert uses the invention of LOGO, the first child-friendly programming language, to make the case for the value of teaching children with computers. Papert argues that children are more than capable of mastering computers, and that teaching computational processes like de-bugging in the classroom can change the way we learn everything else. He also shows that schools saturated with technology can actually improve socialization and interaction among students and between students and teachers. Technology changes every day, but the basic ways that computers can help us learn remain. For thousands of teachers and parents who have sought creative ways to help children learn with computers, Mindstorms is their bible.

**Bringing Balance to Your Faith, Family, and Work** A&C Black

This year our flagship title turns the big three-oh but, unlike the rest of us, it keeps getting better looking with age. We've spiffed up the outside with a shiny foil cover and reupholstered the juggling cubes in plush red velour. It's the classic that made all the others possible.

[The Man who Loved Only Numbers](#) Fourth Estate (GB)

The Mathematical Investigations of Dr. O and Arya follows the two title characters as they solve various mathematical conundrums--ranging from secret codes, to operations, to prime numbers. Not only will readers enjoy the illustrations and interactions between Dr. O and Arya, they will also immensely enjoy the challenges presented in each chapter.

**The Mixed-Up Truck** JHU Press

There are a few books on juggling that really bring serious content. Thom Wall's book is one of them: It brings a holistic approach by using solid scientific and historical foundations, by proposing global and modern views, so the reader can not only learn a few good tricks but understand why and how they are related so they can keep improving after reading. This book is packed with a very clear and fun presentation. It is a must-read for any juggler in the making-that is-everybody." - Denis Paumier, Director & Teacher, company Les Objets Volants "This book is the first fully comprehensive manual on juggling. No other books employ siteswap notation, despite it being the primary tool in juggling instruction for the past two decades. There are also no serious books that provide in-depth discussions about posture and mechanics. Thom Wall's practical guide should be the first step in embarking on a practiced juggling career. It uses illustrations, physics, psychology, and other approaches to explain every step. All this makes for a solid exploration that goes beyond simple tricks to thoroughly explain the science and actions behind juggling success, laying a solid foundation for anyone interested in getting on stage." - D. Donovan, Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review