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The Dragon Curve Quirk Books  
Martin Gardner's Mathematical Games  
columns in Scientific American inspired and  
entertained several generations of  
mathematicians and scientists. Gardner in his  
crystal-clear prose illuminated corners of  
mathematics, especially recreational  
mathematics, that most people had no idea  
existed. His playful spirit and inquisitive  
nature invite the reader into an exploration of  
beautiful mathematical ideas along with him.  
These columns were both a revelation and a  
gift when he wrote them; no one--before  
Gardner--had written about mathematics like  
this. They continue to be a marvel. This  
volume, first published in 1977, contains  
columns published in the magazine from  
1965-1968. This 1990 MAA edition contains a

foreword by Persi Diaconis and Ron Graham  
and a postscript and extended bibliography  
added by Gardner for this edition.

*Math with Bad Drawings* Pearson Higher  
Ed

Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of  
storytelling! It's bedtime for Marco and his  
stuffed animals, but the animals have other  
ideas. When Marco tries to put them away,  
they fly, swim, and slither right out of their  
bins! Can Marco sort the animals so  
everyone is happy? A playful exploration of  
sorting and classifying that combines math  
with empathy. The perfect bedtime book,  
featuring Latinx characters and a note  
about scientific classification. Storytelling  
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their daily adventures as they play, build,  
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stories and hands-on activities make it easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together. Developed in collaboration with math experts at STEM education nonprofit TERC, under a grant from the Heising-Simons Foundation. The Raven's Hat Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of storytelling! Twins Lia and Lu í s argue over who has more of their favorite snacks. Can the siblings use math--and a little sharing--to pick the winner? A playful exploration of measurement, counting, and estimation, featuring Brazilian American characters and a glossary of Brazilian Portuguese

words. Storytelling Math celebrates children using math in their daily adventures as they play, build, and discover the world around them. Joyful stories and hands-on activities make it easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together. Developed in collaboration with math experts at STEM education nonprofit TERC, under a grant from the Heising-Simons Foundation.

Alex's Adventures in Numberland

Wide Eyed Editions

In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, gamblers and mathematicians transformed the idea of chance from a

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mystery into the discipline of probability, setting the stage for a series of breakthroughs that enabled or transformed innumerable fields, from gambling, mathematics, statistics, economics, and finance to physics and computer science. This book tells the story of ten great ideas about chance and the thinkers who developed them, tracing the philosophical implications of these ideas as well as their mathematical impact.

Magical Mathematics American Mathematical Soc.  
"Magical Mathematics reveals the secrets of amazing, fun-to-perform card tricks--and the profound mathematical ideas behind them--that will astound even the most accomplished magician.

Persi Diaconis and Ron Graham provide easy, step-by-step instructions for each trick, explaining how to set up the effect and offering tips on what to say and do while performing it. Each card trick introduces a new mathematical idea, and varying the tricks in turn takes readers to the very threshold of today's mathematical knowledge. For example, the Gilbreath principle--a fantastic effect where the cards remain in control despite being shuffled--is found to share an intimate connection with the Mandelbrot set. Other card tricks link to the mathematical secrets of combinatorics, graph theory, number theory, topology, the Riemann hypothesis, and even Fermat's last theorem. Diaconis and Graham are mathematicians as well as skilled performers with decades of professional experience between them. In this book they share a wealth of conjuring lore, including some closely guarded secrets of legendary magicians. Magical Mathematics covers the mathematics of juggling and shows how the I Ching connects to the history

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of probability and magic tricks both old and new. It tells the stories--and reveals the best tricks--of the eccentric and brilliant inventors of mathematical magic. Magical Mathematics exposes old gambling secrets through the mathematics of shuffling cards, explains the classic street-gambling scam of three-card monte, traces the history of mathematical magic back to the thirteenth century and the oldest mathematical trick--and much more"-

Self-Working Card Tricks Black Dog & Leventhal

Magical Math shows parents how to engage children in mathematical thinking through stories, activities, and games, and educates them about what an excellent early math education should look like.

Ying and the Magic Turtle Courier Corporation

Don't Just Learn Fractions ...Master Them!  
Brimming with fun and educational games and

activities, the Magical Math series provides everything you need to know to become a master of mathematics! In each of these books, Lynette Long uses her own unique style to help you truly understand mathematical concepts as you play with everyday objects such as playing cards, dice, coins, and paper and pencil. Inside Fabulous Fractions, you'll find out all about fractions, from what they look like to how to write them, to the relationship between fractions and decimals, and more. While playing exciting games like Super Domino ESP and Reduce It!, you'll learn about proper fractions and how to reduce them. And with games like Combination Pizza, Fraction Jeopardy!, and three-in-a-Row-Bingo, you'll learn to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions while you have fun! So why wait? Jump right in and find out how easy it is to become a mathematics master!

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Math and Magic in Wonderland American Mathematical Soc.

Mathematical card effects offer both beginning and experienced magicians an opportunity to entertain with a minimum of props. Featuring mostly original creations, *Mathematical Card Magic: Fifty-Two New Effects* presents an entertaining look at new mathematically based card tricks. Each chapter contains four card effects, generally starting with simple applications of a particular mathematical principle and ending with more complex ones. Practice a handful of the introductory effects and, in no time, you 'll establish your reputation as a "mathemagician." Delve a little deeper into each chapter and the mathematics gets more interesting. The author explains the

mathematics as needed in an easy-to-follow way. He also provides additional details, background, and suggestions for further explorations. Suitable for recreational math buffs and amateur card lovers or as a text in a first-year seminar, this color book offers a diverse collection of new mathemagic principles and effects.

Undiluted Hocus-Pocus CRC Press

Fascinating approach to mathematical teaching stresses use of recreational problems, puzzles, and games to teach critical thinking. Logic, number and graph theory, games of strategy, much more. Includes answers to selected problems. Free solutions manual available for download at the Dover website.

Amazing Irv's Handbook of Everyday Magic  
Tabletop Academy Press

A magician appears able to banish chaos at will: a deck of cards arranged in order is

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shuffled--apparently randomly--by a member of the audience. Then, hey presto! The deck is suddenly put back in its original order! Magic tricks like this are easy to perform and have an interesting mathematical foundation. In this rich, colorfully illustrated volume, Ehrhard Behrends presents around 30 card tricks and number games that are easy to learn, with no prior knowledge required. This is math as you've never experienced it before: entertaining and fun!

#### Big Book of Magic Tricks A&C Black

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. Note: This is the bound book only and does not include access to the Enhanced Pearson eText. To order the Enhanced Pearson eText packaged with a bound book, use ISBN 0133548635. In this unique guide, classroom teachers, coaches,

curriculum coordinators, college students, and teacher educators get a practical look at the foundational concepts and skills of early mathematics, and see how to implement them in their early childhood classrooms. Big Ideas of Early Mathematics presents the skills educators need to organize for mathematics teaching and learning during the early years. For teachers of children ages three through six, the book provides foundations for further mathematics learning and helps facilitate long-term mathematical understanding. The Enhanced Pearson eText features embedded video. Improve mastery and retention with the Enhanced Pearson eText\* The Enhanced Pearson eText provides a rich, interactive learning environment designed to improve student mastery of content. The Enhanced Pearson eText is: Engaging. The new

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interactive, multimedia learning features were developed by the authors and other subject-matter experts to deepen and enrich the learning experience. Convenient. Enjoy instant online access from your computer or download the Pearson eText App to read on or offline on your iPad® and Android® tablet.\* Affordable. Experience the advantages of the Enhanced Pearson eText for 40-65% less than a print bound book. \* The Enhanced eText features are only available in the Pearson eText format. They are not available in third-party eTexts or downloads. \*The Pearson eText App is available on Google Play and in the App Store. It requires Android OS 3.1-4, a 7 " or 10 " tablet, or iPad iOS 5.0 or later.

Problem Solving Through Recreational Mathematics Courier Corporation

Games that show how mathematics can solve

the apparently unsolvable. This book presents a series of engaging games that seem unsolvable--but can be solved when they are translated into mathematical terms. How can players find their ID cards when the cards are distributed randomly among twenty boxes? By applying the theory of permutations. How can a player guess the color of her own hat when she can only see other players' hats? Hamming codes, which are used in communication technologies. Like magic, mathematics solves the apparently unsolvable. The games allow readers, including university students or anyone with high school-level math, to experience the joy of mathematical discovery.

Math Magic Magical Mathematics

Aiyana finds a long, skinny strip of paper on the ground that looks like a road. As she follows the road, she folds the paper in half, and it becomes a mountain for her to climb. With every fold, she



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makes a new shape, one that fuels her curiosity in wonderful ways and takes her on a magical journey into the world of fractals. This is a beautiful story about the power of imagination, mathematics, and the world around us. It is a chance for readers of all ages to catch a glimpse of the beauty of math and inspire the joy of their own inner mathematician. Fold along with Aiyana and see the magic unfold! The Boy Who Loved Math Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Too often math gets a bad rap, characterized as dry and difficult. But, Alex Bellos says, "math can be inspiring and brilliantly creative. Mathematical thought is one of the great achievements of the human race, and arguably the foundation of all human progress. The world of mathematics is a remarkable place." Bellos has traveled all around the globe and has plunged into history to uncover fascinating stories of mathematical achievement, from the

breakthroughs of Euclid, the greatest mathematician of all time, to the creations of the Zen master of origami, one of the hottest areas of mathematical work today. Taking us into the wilds of the Amazon, he tells the story of a tribe there who can count only to five and reports on the latest findings about the math instinct—including the revelation that ants can actually count how many steps they 've taken. Journeying to the Bay of Bengal, he interviews a Hindu sage about the brilliant mathematical insights of the Buddha, while in Japan he visits the godfather of Sudoku and introduces the brainteasing delights of mathematical games. Exploring the mysteries of randomness, he explains why it is impossible for our iPods to truly randomly select songs. In probing the many intrigues of that most beloved of numbers, pi, he visits with two brothers so obsessed with

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the elusive number that they built a supercomputer in their Manhattan apartment to study it. Throughout, the journey is enhanced with a wealth of intriguing illustrations, such as of the clever puzzles known as tangrams and the crochet creation of an American math professor who suddenly realized one day that she could knit a representation of higher dimensional space that no one had been able to visualize. Whether writing about how algebra solved Swedish traffic problems, visiting the Mental Calculation World Cup to disclose the secrets of lightning calculation, or exploring the links between pineapples and beautiful teeth, Bellos is a wonderfully engaging guide who never fails to delight even as he edifies. Here ' s Looking at Euclid is a rare gem that brings the beauty of math to life.  
The Magic of Math Courier Corporation

Galileo, Newton, Descartes, and Pascal too, All followed rabbit trails that led to something new. Lulu and Elizabeth are two girls who love to play with numbers, words, and (on occasion) toy swords. Join them on a grand adventure, where classic math and logic riddles lead the way through a world inspired by Lewis Carroll's poetry. Filled with engaging puzzles, tidbits about famous mathematicians, and a dash of humor, this interactive book is sure to inspire adults and children, alike, to follow their own rabbit trails into the magical world of mathematics.  
Lia & Luis: Who Has More? Courier Corporation  
Here's the ultimate modern guide to magic tricks for everyday situations: magically feed a parking metre, make yourself levitate, pull a banana out of thin air or make a shot glass disappear. This handbook features more than 40 do-it-yourself illusions to perform, with step-by-step illustrations and instructions.  
The Animals Would Not Sleep! Simon and

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Schuster

Teixeira and Park present over 60 different magic tricks while introducing students to high-level math areas. Readers will learn really interesting ideas that will better prepare them for future courses and help them finding areas they might want to study deeper. And as a 'side effect' students will learn amazing magic tricks, century-old secrets, and details from famous magicians and mathematicians. The material was written to quickly present key concepts in several mathematical areas in direct way. Little or no proficiency in math is assumed. In fact, students do not require any Calculus knowledge. And since chapters are almost independent from each other, this book also work as introduction to several other

courses. Topics covered include mathematical proofs, probability, abstract algebra, linear algebra, mathematical computing, number theory, coding theory, geometry, topology, real analysis, numerical analysis and history of math.

Magical Math Charlesbridge Publishing  
Greetings Cadet! Congratulations on being accepted into the prestigious Astro Academy for math! Now strap on your space boots, secure you helmet and let ' s get ready for a mathematical journey like no other! Hop on board the spaceship School of Numbers and head off on an intergalactic mathematical journey that will introduce young readers to key concepts including arithmetic, shapes, fractions, percentages, and sequences. Six eccentric professors will

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teach budding space mathematic Cadets all  
there is to know about the world of numbers!  
Meet Captain Archimedes Brown who keeps  
everyone in order; Lois Carmen  
Denominator who 's got a passion for  
fractions; Di Ameter who 's a stickler for  
geometry; Al Jabra who loves algebra; Ava  
Ridge who 's looney for statistics; and last  
but certainly not least, Adam Up who just  
can 't get enough of arithmetic! Float into  
this gravity-free classroom, prepare yourself  
for antics aplenty and get ready to see math  
in action like never before.

Magic Up Your Sleeve MIT Press

DIVIllustrations, simple instructions for performing  
over 100 tricks, including The Inexhaustible Hat,  
The Chinese Rings, Steel Through Steel, Fingers  
That See, much more. /div

Big Ideas of Early Mathematics Roaring Brook

Press

Most people think of mathematicians as solitary,  
working away in isolation. And, it's true, many of  
them do. But Paul Erdos never followed the usual  
path. At the age of four, he could ask you when you  
were born and then calculate the number of  
seconds you had been alive in his head. But he  
didn't learn to butter his own bread until he turned  
twenty. Instead, he traveled around the world, from  
one mathematician to the next, collaborating on an  
astonishing number of publications. With a simple,  
lyrical text and richly layered illustrations, this is a  
beautiful introduction to the world of math and a  
fascinating look at the unique character traits that  
made "Uncle Paul" a great man. The Boy Who  
Loved Math by Deborah Heiligman is a Kirkus  
Reviews Best Book of 2013 and a New York Times  
Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2013.