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## BOOKMARK

### Numbers + Stories + Shapes + Pictures – Boredom = Math Fun for Everyone

“On Monday in math class, Mrs. Fibonacci says, ‘You know, you can think of almost everything as a math problem.’ On Tuesday I start having problems.”

~ Math Curse

#### Preschool and Kindergarten

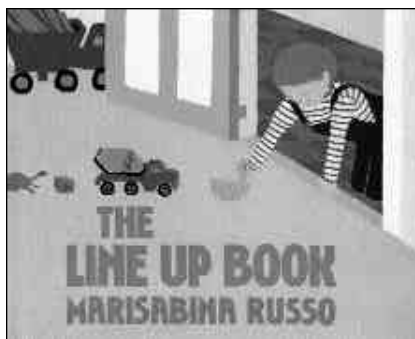
**Blue Sea** by Robert Kalan, illustrated by Donald Crews. Little fish was swimming peacefully in the blue sea until big fish, bigger fish, and biggest fish came along. Young children learn about size and comparison as little fish escapes through holes too small for the other fish. As always, Crews’ trademark graphic art is a delight. \$5.95. Ages 2-4.

**The Button Box** by Margarett Reid, illustrated by Sarah Chamberlain. Grandma has a special box full of buttons of various colors, shapes, sizes, and textures. Her grandson loves to count and sort the buttons and make different patterns with them. Bold, uncluttered illustrations invite children to play along. \$14.99. Ages 3-6.

**Five Little Ducks** by Pamela Paparone. The classic rhyme beginning, “Five little ducks went out one day, over the hills and far away. Mother duck said, ‘Quack, quack, quack, quack.’ But only four little ducks came back,” is accompanied

by lovely, gentle illustrations. Very young children can practice counting backwards until mother duck entices all her ducklings back with homemade apple pie. \$6.95. Ages 2-4.

**The Line Up Book** by Marisabina Russo. Sam lines up his blocks, his books, his toys, the boots, and his cars and trucks, but he needs one more thing to reach the kitchen for lunch. Bright, simple illustrations convey the fun young children have counting, sorting, and, of course, lining up. \$15.95. Ages 3-6.



**On My Beach There Are Many Pebbles** by Leo Lionni. In an excellent introduction to grouping and classifying, whimsical black and white illustrations depict different kinds of pebbles. \$6.99. Ages 3-6.

**Round is a Mooncake** by Roseanne Thong, illustrated by Grace Lin. A young Chinese girl discovers round, square, and rectangular-shaped things

in and around her house. Readers can find even more. A brief glossary further explains the items from Chinese culture. \$13.95. Ages 2-4.

**The Sultan’s Snakes** by Lorna Turpin. A slim but brilliantly conceived and illustrated story depicts some sneaky snakes who play a trick on their master, the sultan. Kids can find patterned snakes hiding everywhere in the sultan’s similarly patterned palace. \$2.99. Ages 3-6.

**10 Minutes Till Bedtime** by Peggy Rathman. At ten minutes till bedtime, a family of hamsters arrives for some fun. At five minutes till bedtime, an entire caravan of hamsters arrives. As a father counts down each of the ten minutes till bedtime, a child frantically tries to get ready for bed despite the rambunctious hamsters. Hilarious, detailed illustrations will keep readers occupied for well over the ten minutes till bedtime. \$16.99. Ages 4-6.

#### Elementary School

**Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday** by Judith Viorst, illustrated by Ray Cruz. Last Sunday, Alexander’s grandparents gave him a dollar, which he was planning on saving to buy walkie-talkies. But then he bought some gum, rented Eddie’s pet snake for an hour, lost eight cents, purchased a

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one-eyed teddy bear, and discovered he didn't have any money left to save. \$5.99. Ages 5-8.

**Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar** by Masaichiro and Mitsumasa Anno. Through lovely illustrations and brief text, the Annos adroitly demonstrate the concept of factorials. Younger children just learning multiplication will benefit from the visual representation, while older children can master the explanation of 10! \$7.99. Ages 8-12.

**Arithme-tickle** by J.Patrick Lewis, illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Silly rhyming riddles and humorous cartoon illustrations pose a series of individual math problems. The fun but challenging riddles provide excellent practice solving word problems and are perfect for teachers who post a problem of the day. \$16.00. Ages 7-10.



**The Best of Times** by Greg Tang, illustrated by Harry Briggs. In an absolutely superb math book for kids, Tang helps children understand the concept of multiplication instead of merely drilling the times tables. Clever rhymes suggest alternate ways of approaching problems and problem-solving strategies while bright, bold illustrations convey information visually for increased understanding. \$16.95. Ages 8-12.



**A Cloak for the Dreamer** by Aileen Friedman, illustrated by Kim Howard. Each of the tailor's three sons sets out to make a beautiful cloak for the king. Two of the brothers fashion cloaks from squares, rectangles, and triangles of brightly colored cloth. The youngest

sews a beautiful but unwearable cloak out of circles. The holey cloak is not fit for the king, but the clever tailor uses geometry to craft a solution. Developed by mathematics education expert and curriculum developer Marilyn Burns, Brainy Day Books encourage the teaching and learning of math through literature. \$15.95. Ages 5-9.

**The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes** by Du Bose Heyward, illustrated by Marjorie Hack. Children can practice counting by twos as they enjoy this classic story about a country bunny who has her 21 children do their chores in pairs (except for the left over bunny who keeps his mother's chair for her). \$5.95. Ages 5-7.

**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins. Simple text helps children visualize the concept of division. As more and more children ring the doorbell, Sam and Victoria must divide their 12 cookies among them until each child has just one cookie. Luckily, grandma, expert cookie baker, arrives just in time. \$5.99. Ages 4-7.

**The Dot and the Line** by Norton Juster. A straight line is madly in love with a dot. The dot, however, loves a squiggle, and so the line goes about shape shifting in an attempt to win her affections. Once again, the brilliant author of *The Phantom Tollbooth* simply astounds. \$7.95. Ages 8-12.

**Esio Trot** by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake. Hoping to impress his tortoise-loving neighbor, Mr. Hoppy claims to know a magic spell that will make her tortoise grow bigger. In reality, Mr. Hoppy is planning on stealing her tortoise and replacing it with bigger ones to create the illusion of growth. Readers will love Dahl's trademark unconventional, hilarious storytelling as they learn about size, weight, and growth. \$4.99. Ages 6-11.

**The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins** by Dr. Seuss. Bartholomew takes off his hat as the king's carriage

passes, but another one mysteriously appears on his head. Outraged at the boy's impudence, the king takes him to the castle where all of his guards, Wise Men, and magicians fail to prevent new hats from coming out of nowhere. When they eventually add up all of the hats, they discover that there are 500! \$14.95. Ages 5-8.

**Fraction Action** by Loreen Leedy. The author of numerous best-selling informative picture books tackles math facts with aplomb. Most feature Miss Prime and her animal students who learn concepts by applying them in real life. Numerous examples and different visual representations make the math accessible to children with various learning styles. Also, *Mission: Addition, Subtraction Action*, *2x2= Boo!*, *Measuring Penny*, and *The Monster Money Book*. \$6.95 each. Ages 6-11.

**Grandfather Tang's Story** by Ann Tompert, illustrated by Robert Parker. Grandfather Tang illustrates the story he is telling *Little Soo* by quickly rearranging his tangram pieces to make the characters. Ink and watercolor illustrations perfectly complement the tale, and kids will eagerly make the pictures with their own tangrams. \$6.99. Ages 5-10.

**The Grapes of Math** by Greg Tang, illustrated by Harry Briggs. The author presents a series of math problems posed visually, then suggests ways children can reach the solution quickly and creatively. By grouping, then multiplying or subtracting instead of laboriously adding, kids save time and gain a better grasp on numbers. Enticing illustrations make sure kids are having fun. \$16.95. Ages 7-11. Also, *Math for All Seasons*. \$16.95. Ages 5-9.

**The Greedy Triangle** by Marilyn Burns. A greedy triangle gets bored being a triangle and asks the local shape-shifter for just one more angle. Being a quadrilateral is fun for a while, but it becomes dissatisfied too. After requesting more and more angles, the once triangle doesn't know which side is

up. This lively introduction to geometry contains pages for teachers that include extension activities. \$15.95. Ages 5-8.



**Half Magic** by Edward Eager. Four children discover a quirky magic coin that grants wishes by half. As the children discover, wishing for two times their actual wish sometimes yields unexpected results. Eager's wonderfully written classic story creatively explores the ideas of halving and doubling. \$6.00. Ages 6-11.

**How Big is a Foot?** By Rolf Myller. A king wants to give his queen a bed for her birthday, but no one knows how big to make it because neither beds nor measurements have been invented yet. The king figures out a rudimentary but practical measuring system to solve the dilemma. Charming drawings illustrate the beginning reader level story. \$4.95. Ages 5-9.

**How the Second Grade Got \$8205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty** by Nathan Zimelman, illustrated by Bill Slavin. The second grade concocts a variety of money-making schemes to raise money for a class trip. The class treasurer and reporter diligently records all the profits and expenses, helping readers understand simple business ideas. \$14.95. Ages 5-9.

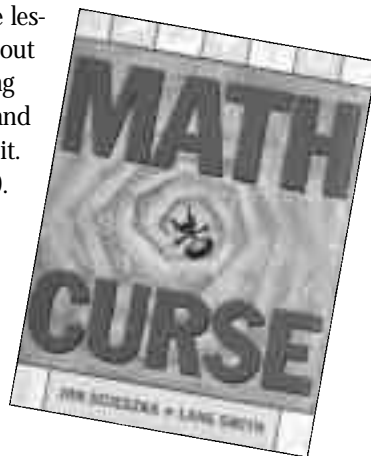
**How Much is a Million?** by David Schwartz, illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Clever, whimsical illustrations and simple text help children conceptualize a million, a billion, and a trillion. \$5.95. Ages 5-9. Also, *On Beyond a Million*. \$6.99. Ages 7-10.

**The King's Commissioners** by Aileen Friedman, illustrated by Susan Guevara. The king decides to count his numerous commissioners. When he loses track after counting by ones, he discovers that one of his Royal Advisors counted by twos, one counted by fours, and the princess counted by tens, but they all arrived at the same number. \$15.95. Ages 5-8.

**The Librarian Who Measured the Earth** by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. A picture book biography of Eratosthenes includes fascinating information about the Alexandria Museum and the science of ancient Greece. Readers, young and old, will be astounded to learn that the chief librarian at Alexandria measured the circumference of the earth within 200 miles of the satellite measurements obtained today. \$17.95. Ages 7-12.

**Marvelous Math** edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Karen Barbour. While it does provide some practice material, the strength of this book is the fun and enthusiasm with which it approaches mathematics. Rhyming poems by an award-winning poet will encourage even the most reluctant math student. \$6.99. Ages 7-11.

**The Math Curse** by John Scieszka, illustrated by Lane Smith. A girl is horrified when she wakes up one morning to confront seemingly endless math problems. In one of the smartest, funniest books around, hilarious text and fabulous illustrations combine in a unique lesson about learning math and loving it. \$16.99. Ages 6-12.



**Neil's Numberless World** by Lucy Coats, illustrated by Neal Layton. Neil says, "Numbers are a nuisance." But when his uncle sends him a magic birthday gift that makes all numbers disappear, Neil discovers that numbers are necessary. \$5.95. Ages 4-8.

**The Number Devil** by Hans Enzensberger, illustrated by Susanne Berner. Robert, who hates math, dreams repeatedly of a crafty number devil who introduces him to wondrous numbers – prime numbers, Fibonacci numbers, infinite numbers, and more. Slightly surreal, infinitely interesting, and boasting droll full-color illustrations, *The Number Devil* will delight enthusiastic and reluctant mathematicians alike. \$18.00. Ages 10-14.



**The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster, illustrated by Jules Feiffer. A book like no other, *The Phantom Tollbooth* brims with wit, cleverness, satire, double entendres, and astounding stops and starts. Brilliant word and number play abound in a classic that is so skillfully written, kids may not even notice how intellectual it is. \$5.99. Ages 10-14.

**Spaghetti and Meatballs for All!** by Marilyn Burns, illustrated by Debbie Tilley. Once again, Burns makes math understandable, applicable, and fun in a silly story about the table arrangements at the Comfort family reunion. Kids practice working with area and perimeter as they try to seat all of the relatives. \$15.95. Ages 6-10.

**Ten Friends** by Bruce Goldstone, illustrated by Heather Cahoon. "If you could ask 10 friends to tea, tell me who your friends would be." Would you invite six ballerinas and four frogs or five shepherds and five sheep? Jaunty

text and illustrations reveal the different number combinations that add up to ten. \$15.95. Ages 5-7.

**Tiger Math** by Ann Whitehead Nagda and Cindy Bickel. As keepers at the Denver Zoo raise ridiculously cute

Siberian tiger cub T.J., they record information on different kinds of graphs, including picture, circle, bar, and line graphs. \$16.00. Ages 7-10. Also **Chimp Math: Learning About Time from a Baby Chimpanzee** \$16.95. Ages 5-9.

### One Grain of Rice Multiplies Into Several Satisfying Tales

**A Grain of Rice** by Helena Clare Pittman. In this early chapter book version of the tale, a poor farmer infuriates the Chinese emperor by requesting permission to marry the princess. When the farmer saves the princess' life, though, the emperor is forced to reward him. By requesting one grain of rice doubled every day for 100 days, the already clever farmer he makes himself wealthy and, in the emperor's eyes, worthy of marrying the princess. \$3.99. Ages 6-9.

**The King's Chessboard** by David Birch, illustrated by Devis Grebu. The ignorant, foolish King of Deccan in ancient India stubbornly insists on rewarding a wise man for his services despite his protests. When the wise man requests one grain of rice doubled every day for each square on the king's chessboard, the king learns a lesson about humility. \$6.99. Ages 5-10.

**One Grain of Rice** by Demi. Exquisite illustrations accompany the Indian version of the tale about a clever girl who outwits a greedy raja by requesting just one grain of rice doubled every day for thirty days. Before he knows it, the raja has given her 1,073,741,823 grains of rice, and she saves her people from starvation. \$19.95. Ages 5-10.

**Token Gift** by Hugh McKibbin, illustrated by Scott Cameron. In a folktale that masterfully weaves two ancient legends together, the ancient Indian man who invented a version of chess requests as his reward one grain of rice to be placed on the first square of his board, two on the second, and so on, until the king is forced to admit he has been outwitted. \$6.95. Ages 5-10.

### Beginning Readers + Young Mathematicians = High Interest

Each book in these beginning reader series builds on developing reading skills while exploring a mathematical concept. So kids can enjoy reading about math at work in real life situations. The books get progressively more challenging as kids learn.

**Hello Math Reader** published by Scholastic. \$3.99 each. Ages 5-8.

**Math Matters** published by The Kane Press. \$4.95 each. Ages 5-9.

**Step into Reading + Math** published by Random House. \$3.99 each. Ages 4-8.

### Events

**Sunday, February 16, 1:00 pm**

Award-winning storyteller **Jim Weiss** returns to Bank Street Bookstore to delight with tales old and new. Ages 5 & up.

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