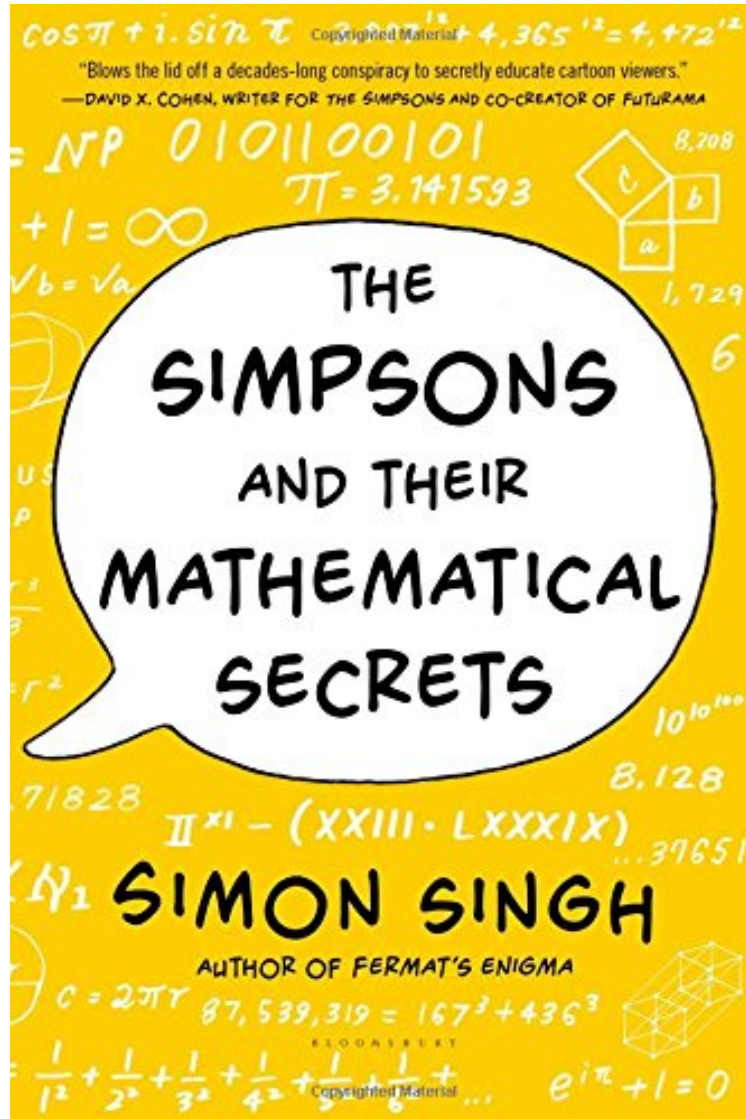


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Simon Singh : The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Who would have thought that "The Simpsons" contained mathematics secrets? Well, they do, and this book shows them brilliantly! By Kiwiwriter Until I read this book, I had no idea that "The Simpsons" had serious mathematical equations, theories, and secrets in the show. I knew that the show has all kind of movie and cultural references, but not mathematical. So the book astonished me. It also fascinated my daughter, who is a computer science major, and she was very grateful to receive this as a birthday present. It shows

that cartoons and pop culture shows can contain more than just gags and obvious messages -- if you look carefully, you can learn all kinds of unusual, interesting, and entertaining information. 62 of 63 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, but for a limited audience

By D. Johnson
This book is a bit of a dichotomy. It is written for those at least somewhat interested in mathematics, but it assumes the reader doesn't know that much about math. And those that know mathematics will be bored by much of the book, as it explains mathematical principles with which they would already be well acquainted. The book devotes quite a lot of its pages to explaining mathematical concepts. And not nearly enough citing examples from the show. So what you end up with is a book that is only really interesting to those that have at least a basic understanding of mathematics, but aren't interested enough to have pursued math at a high level. Overall the book doesn't really cite that many examples of math from the TV series. Much more time is spent explaining the concepts behind it. And it also spends a considerable amount of time talking about Futurama rather than the Simpsons, so its name is a little bit deceptive. Based on the name you'd almost assume that there are countless examples of math showing up in the show, but there really aren't that many. For every 5 pages of explanation, you get maybe a paragraph or two citing an example. So if you get this book, go into it knowing that you probably won't see as many references to the show as you'd like, and be prepared to wade through long descriptions of the principles cited.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Totally Fun

By F. E. Smith
My math education is in the distant past. Sometimes I was pretty good at it; sometimes I was not. I don't know why, but my comprehension sort of came and went at odd intervals. Thus, as I read this book, sometimes I felt really smart; then, not so much. Also, I should say that although I really like The Simpsons, I almost never watch them. I have a hard time committing to any half-hour sitcom because the ratio of content to commercials is a little too low for my tolerance. Wait--that was math! I think this book made me smarter.

The brainy book by the bestselling author of Fermat's Enigma must for anyone interested in numbers and mathematics, as well as for the millions of Simpsons fans worldwide.

Engaging (and educational) . . . Singh delves into the academic backgrounds of some of the most poindextrous Simpsons writers. Wired
Mathematical concepts both useful and obscure explained via the antics of America's favorite yellow family! Mental Floss
Plenty of solid, vest-pocket profiles of both the show's writers and great mathematicians of the past . . . A fun trip with the ultimate TV vehicle for pop culture mathematics.' Kirkus
sSimon Singh's excellent book blows the lid off a decades-long conspiracy to secretly educate cartoon viewers. David X. Cohen, writer for The Simpsons and Futurama
It's hard to imagine a grander, more thrilling story . . . fast-paced . . . hugely entertaining . . . Big Bang is, quite literally, cosmic. New York Times on Big Bang
Singh spins tales of cryptic intrigue in every chapter. Wall Street Journal on The Code Book
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