

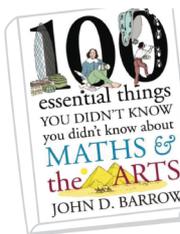


A man is known by the books he reads. —Emerson

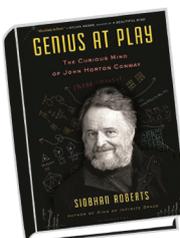
New and Noteworthy Titles on Our Bookshelf January 2016:



The Best Writing on Mathematics 2015, edited by by Mircea Pitici (Princeton University Press, January 2016). This annual anthology, now in its sixth year, showcases outstanding recent writing about mathematics. Included in this collection is a *Notices* piece by Steven Strogatz, “Writing about Math for the Perplexed and the Traumatized,” which appeared in the March 2014 *Notices*. Pitici’s 2010 anthology was reviewed by Gerald B. Folland in the November 2011 *Notices*.



100 Essential Things You Didn't Know You Didn't Know about Math and the Arts, by John D. Barrow (W. W. Norton, January 2016). Although his research centers on cosmology and theoretical physics, Barrow has a special love for mathematics and has written several popular books on the subject. He is also director of the Millennium Mathematics Project at the University of Cambridge. His book *The Constants of Nature* (Pantheon, 2003) was reviewed by Brian E. Blank in the November 2003 *Notices*.



Genius At Play: The Curious Mind of John Horton Conway, by Siobhan Roberts (Bloomsbury USA, July 2015). The author of the acclaimed biography of Coxeter, *King of Infinite Space* (2006), Roberts turns her attention to John Horton Conway. An article she wrote for the *Guardian* at the time of this book’s release pungently describes Conway: “He is Archimedes, Mick Jagger, Salvador Dalí, and Richard Feynman, all rolled into one.”

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