

The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets

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Synopsis

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Bloomsbury presents *The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets* by Simon Singh, read by Lexie McDougall.

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

Simon 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* You may have watched hundreds of episodes of *The Simpsons* (and its sister show *Futurama*) without ever realizing that cleverly embedded in many plots are subtle references to mathematics, ranging from well-known equations to cutting-edge theorems and conjectures. That they exist, Simon Singh reveals, underscores the brilliance of the show's writers, many of whom have advanced degrees in mathematics in addition to their unparalleled sense of humor.

While recounting memorable episodes such as "Bart the Genius" and "Homer 3," Singh weaves in mathematical stories that explore everything from p to Mersenne primes, Euler's equation to the unsolved riddle of P vs. NP ; from perfect numbers to narcissistic numbers, infinity to even bigger infinities, and much more. Along the way, Singh meets members of *The Simpsons*'s brilliant writing team—among them David X. Cohen, Al Jean, Jeff Westbrook, and Mike Reiss—whose love of arcane mathematics becomes clear as they reveal the stories behind the episodes.

With wit and clarity, displaying a true fan's zeal, *The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets* offers an entirely new insight into the most successful show in television history.

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