

Diaconis and Graham Book

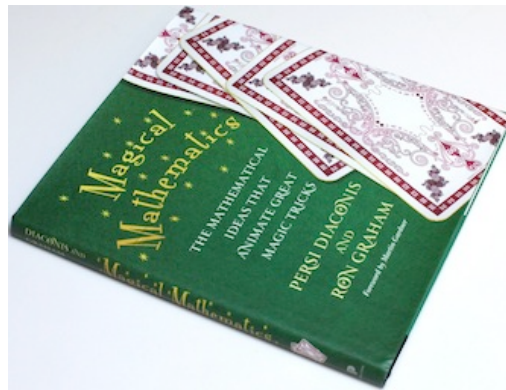


Photo of Persi Diaconis by Susan Holmes

"Finally a book that celebrates the math involved in magic. This is quite simply the most brilliant book ever written on this mind-blowing, highly secretive field."
—David Blaine, illusionist

"A remarkably appealing concoction of conjuring, invention, education, science, homage, and memoir—it is like no other book in the long history of magic."
—Ricky Jay, author, actor, and one of the world's best sleight-of-hand artists

"A truly stunning exposition by two masters in the field. Diaconis and Graham trace the fascinating relationship between mathematics and magic, which goes back at least eight hundred years. Nothing like this has been published before. *Magical Mathematics* is a huge contribution both to magic and mathematics."
—Colm Mulcahy, author of *Card Colm*, an online column hosted by the Mathematical Association of America

"*Magical Mathematics* is a truly magical book, containing ample amounts of mathematics and magic that will amaze and amuse. Diaconis and Graham are both first-rate mathematicians and performers, and offer insights and ideas that could not have been expressed by anyone else. This book is destined to be a classic on the subject."
—Arthur Benjamin, coauthor of *Secrets of Mental Math: The Mathemagician's Guide to Lightning Calculation and Amazing Math Tricks*

"This is a wonderful book, unique and engaging. Diaconis and Graham manage to convey the awe and marvels of mathematics, and of magic tricks, especially those that depend fundamentally on mathematical ideas. They range over many delicious topics, giving us an enchanting personal view of the history and practice of magic, of mathematics, and of the fascinating connection between the two cultures. *Magical Mathematics* will have an utterly devoted readership."
—Barry Mazur, author of *Imagining Numbers: (particularly the square root of minus fifteen)*

"*Magical Mathematics* is a wonder to behold. It instantly seduces the reader with goodies new and old, and is just as perfect for long-term study. There are also surprises for those well familiar with the magical realm."
—Robert E. Neale, magician

Magical Mathematics

by *Persi Diaconis and Ron Graham*

(with Forward by Martin Gardner, Princeton University Press 2012;
9.75" x 8.9" x 3/4", hard cover with jacket, 244 pages)

Copyright J. A. Storer