

March Pi Day

...which means it's the perfect time to celebrate the long tradition of books inspired by mathematics, and also to ask the important question: are mathematicians really as tortured as writers like to think they are? Find titles involving numbers or books that involve

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Title	Description	Source/Call Number
Sir Cumference and the dragon of Pi : a math adventure	When Sir Cumference drinks a potion which turns him into a dragon, his son Radius searches for the magic number known as pi which will restore him to his former shape. (It is a Junior Book)	MCCLS J 516.15 N 2012
A Doubter's Almanac By Ethan Canin	This bestselling novel from the critically beloved author of <i>America America</i> spans 70 years in the life of mathematical genius Milo Andret, from his childhood, to his academic superstardom, to the scars he leaves on his son, Hans, a genius in his own right. Canin deftly interweaves mathematics, family, addiction, grief, and love to produce an elegant, powerfully written novel that brings the reader into a fraught world of genius and struggle.	ILL F Cani
Luck, Love, & Lemon Pie By May E. Reichert	When MJ Boudreaux took up poker to reignite her marriage with her gambler husband, she never expected to have a knack for it. As MJ's newfound talent takes her deeper into the world of professional poker and further from her family, she must play her hand carefully...or risk losing it all.	ILL FIC REI
Life of Pi By Yann Martel	When his ship sinks, 16-year-old Pi finds himself in a lifeboat, and his only companions are a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea.	MCCLS F MARTEL
An Abundance of Katherines by John Green	This charming young adult novel, about a teenage prodigy who tries to prove a theorem that will predict the ultimate end of any relationship, is stuffed to the brim with surprisingly accurate math. Green, who declares he "sucks" at math while still being really into it, actually consulted with a mathematician friend as he wrote the book, and there's an appendix filled with graphs and equations at the end. Funny, smart, and tender, <i>An Abundance of Katherines</i> is a great read for math lovers young and old.	ILL YA GREEN
The Geometry of Love by John Cheever	"If he could make a geometric analysis of his problems, mightn't he solve them, or at least create an atmosphere of solution?" Cheever's math-inspired tale was first published in the <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> , and "The Geometry of Love" told the tale of a freelance engineer named Mallory trying to break down matters of the heart	ILL FIC LEVIN

	with geometric equations. It's grim and futile as you'd guess, and the messy ending is undeniably Cheever.	
<i>Jurassic Park</i> by Michael Crichton	We don't have to dive too deep into mathematical specifics in <i>Jurassic Park</i> . But it is the mathematician character (famously played by Jeff Goldblum) who drives the plot, explaining the theory behind <i>Jurassic Park's</i> chaotic end.	MCCLS F CRIGHTON
The Rithmatist By Barandon Sanderson	This novel features a world where Rithmatists, people with the power to infuse life into two-dimensional figures drawn in chalk, defend the American Isles from destructive Wild Chalklings. It sounds fantastical—and it is—but Sanderson's world hinges upon a magical system grounded in geometry — <i>Frannie Jackson</i>	ILL YA Fic SAN
A Biography of Pi by Alfred S. Posamentier	In this delightful layperson's introduction to one of math's most interesting phenomena, Drs. Posamentier and Lehmann review pi's history from prebiblical times to the 21st century, the many amusing and mind-boggling ways of estimating pi over the centuries, quirky examples of obsessing about pi (including an attempt to legislate its exact value), and useful applications of pi in everyday life, including statistics.	ILL NONFIC 512.73 POSAMENT
Hidden Figures : The American Dream And The Untold Story Of The Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win The Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly,	The #1 New York Times bestseller and the basis for the hit Academy Award-winning movie <i>Hidden Figures</i> is the untold true story of the African-American female mathematicians, "colored computers," at NASA who provided the calculations that helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space, set against the Jim Crow South and the civil rights movement.	MCCLS 510.925 L 2016 JB VAUGHAN 2016
A Beautiful Mind By Sylvia Nasar	"A Beautiful Mind, the intensely human drama of a true genius, is inspired by events in the life of mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. The handsome and highly eccentric Nash made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his white-hot ascent into the intellectual stratosphere drastically changed course when Nash's intuitive brilliance was undermined by schizophrenia.	MCCLS 510.92 N B NASH DVD BEAUTIFUL
Flowers from the Storm By Laura Kinsdale	Laura Kinsale's beloved romance about a mathematician who suffers a debilitating stroke and the Quaker woman he falls in love with appears with astonishing frequency on "best of romance" lists, and for	ILL FIC KINSA

	good reason. Weaving together linguistics, math, disability, and religion alongside the main love story, Kinsale's novel is intensely absorbing, poignant, and even funny.	
<i>Cryptonomicon</i> by Neal Stephenson	Starting in the 1940s with a mathematician who becomes a cryptanalyst for the Allies (and hangs out with Alan Turing along the way), and moving on to the life of his grandson, a computer genius in the present day, <i>Cryptonomicon</i> is an exciting and challenging technological adventure.	ILL FIC STE SF STEPHENS
The Mind-Body Problem By Rebecca Goldstein	Goldstein's first novel was a runaway hit when it was published more than 30 years ago, and it's still easy to see why. The hysterically funny story of a young philosophy graduate student who marries a famous mathematician and then finds herself struggling to balance the life of the mind with the life of the body, <i>The Mind-Body Problem</i> offers hilarious takes on academia, philosophy, genius, marriage, and family, and is a delightful and startlingly clever read.	ILL FIC GOLD