

## Dar La Caccia Ai Numeri Enigmi Problemi E Giochi Matematici

One of the world's leading physicists questions some of the most fashionable ideas in physics today, including string theory. What can fashionable ideas, blind faith, or pure fantasy possibly have to do with the scientific quest to understand the universe? Surely, theoretical physicists are immune to mere trends, dogmatic beliefs, or flights of fancy? In fact, acclaimed physicist and bestselling author Roger Penrose argues that researchers working at the extreme frontiers of physics are just as susceptible to these forces as anyone else. In this provocative book, he argues that fashion, faith, and fantasy, while sometimes productive and even essential in physics, may be leading today's researchers astray in three of the field's most important areas—string theory, quantum mechanics, and cosmology. Arguing that string theory has veered away from physical reality by positing six extra hidden dimensions, Penrose cautions that the fashionable nature of a theory can cloud our judgment of its plausibility. In the case of quantum mechanics, its stunning success in explaining the atomic universe has led to an uncritical faith that it must also apply to reasonably massive objects, and Penrose responds by suggesting possible changes in quantum theory. Turning to cosmology, he argues that most of the current fantastical ideas about the origins of the universe cannot be true, but that an even wilder reality may lie behind them. Finally, Penrose describes how fashion, faith, and fantasy have ironically also shaped his own work, from twistor theory, a possible alternative to string theory that is beginning to acquire a fashionable status, to "conformal cyclic cosmology," an idea so fantastic that it could be called "conformal crazy cosmology." The result is an important critique of some of the most significant developments in physics today from one of its most eminent figures.

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Pinocchio, a wooden puppet full of tricks and mischief, with a talent for getting into and out of trouble, wants more than anything else to become a real boy.

La caparbieta di diventare genitori. Un progetto di vita che molte coppie hanno ma che si scontra, alle volte, con la difficolta di concepimento. Questo libro vuole essere uno strumento valido per la formazione dei medici, degli psicologi e per chi si trova ad affrontare tali differenti esperienze di vita. Due autobiografie principali accompagnano storie di donne che affrontano il percorso di procreazione assistita.

Massimiliano Foschi, il «piccolo genio italiano dei numeri» (che nel frattempo è finito per la terza volta di seguito sul podio dei Campionati Internazionali dei Giochi Matematici di Parigi), e il matematico Daniele Gouthier ci propongono un nuovo volume di problemi per «dar la caccia ai numeri».

Just the mention of mathematics is enough to strike fear into the hearts of many, yet without it, the human race couldn't be where it is today. By exploring the subject through its 50 key insights--from the simple (the number one) and the subtle (the invention of zero) to the sophisticated (proving Fermat's last theorem)--this book shows how mathematics has changed the way we look at the world around us.

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Illustrated with hundreds of illuminating line drawings, this classic guide reveals virtually every secret of a building's function: how it stands up, keeps its occupants safe and comfortable, gets built, grows old, and dies--and why some buildings do this so much better than others. Drawing on things he's learned from the many buildings he himself designed (and in some cases built with his own hands), Edward Allen explains complex phenomena such as the role of the sun in heating buildings and the range of structural devices that are used for support, from trusses and bearing walls to post-tensioned concrete beams and corbeled vaults. He stresses the importance of intelligent design in dealing with such problems as overheating and overcooling, excessive energy use, leaky roofs and windows, fire safety, and noisy interiors. He serves up some surprises: thermal insulation is generally a better investment than solar collectors; board fences are not effective noise barriers; there's one type of window that can be left open during a rainstorm. The new edition emphasizes "green" architecture and eco-conscious design and construction. It features a prologue on sustainable construction, and includes new information on topics such as the collapse of the World Trade Center, sick building syndrome, and EIFS failures and how they could have been prevented. Allen also highlights the array of amazing new building materials now available, such as self-cleaning glass, photovoltaics, transparent ceramics, cloud gel, and super-high-strength concrete and structural fibers. Edward Allen makes it easy for everyone--from armchair architects and sidewalk superintendents to students of architecture and construction--to understand the mysteries and complexities of even the largest building, from how it recycles waste and controls the movement of air, to how it is kept alive and growing.

Una raccolta di piccole sfide per la mente, per affrontare in modo giocoso problemi stimolanti e curiosi di matematica elementare. Nel solco di inarrivabili autori quali Martin Gardner, Lewis Carroll e Italo Ghersi, il lettore viene invitato a dare la caccia ai numeri (ma anche a geometria, logica, probabilità...) per trovare risultati che richiedono intuito, fantasia e solo un pizzico di nozioni di base. Un libro da risolvere più che da leggere. Un testo che propone la matematica con leggerezza, perché il lettore assapori ogni rompicapo. I solutori dovranno esercitare il proprio autocontrollo per non andare a sbirciare in quanti modi sbagliati si possono sedere a tavola gli amici della "Banda dei quattro", come giocare a tennis dalla cima di due torri, e se conviene cambiare la porta in una originale rivisitazione del problema di Monty Hall.

Ce livre n'est pas à lire mais à résoudre ! Albert prend le bus et observe qu'au premier arrêt la moitié des passagers descendent ; au deuxième arrêt, il en descend un tiers ; au suivant, un quart ; à celui d'après, un cinquième ; ensuite un sixième et au dernier tous, Albert compris. En sachant qu'un bus à un étage comme celui-ci peut contenir au maximum 100 personnes, saurez-vous combien de passagers étaient dans le bus à l'arrivée d'Albert ? Vous avez trouvé ? Rendez-vous dans ce livre pour regarder la solution et découvrez bien d'autres problèmes mathématiques corrigés que ce soit en chiffres, en logique ou en figures.

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