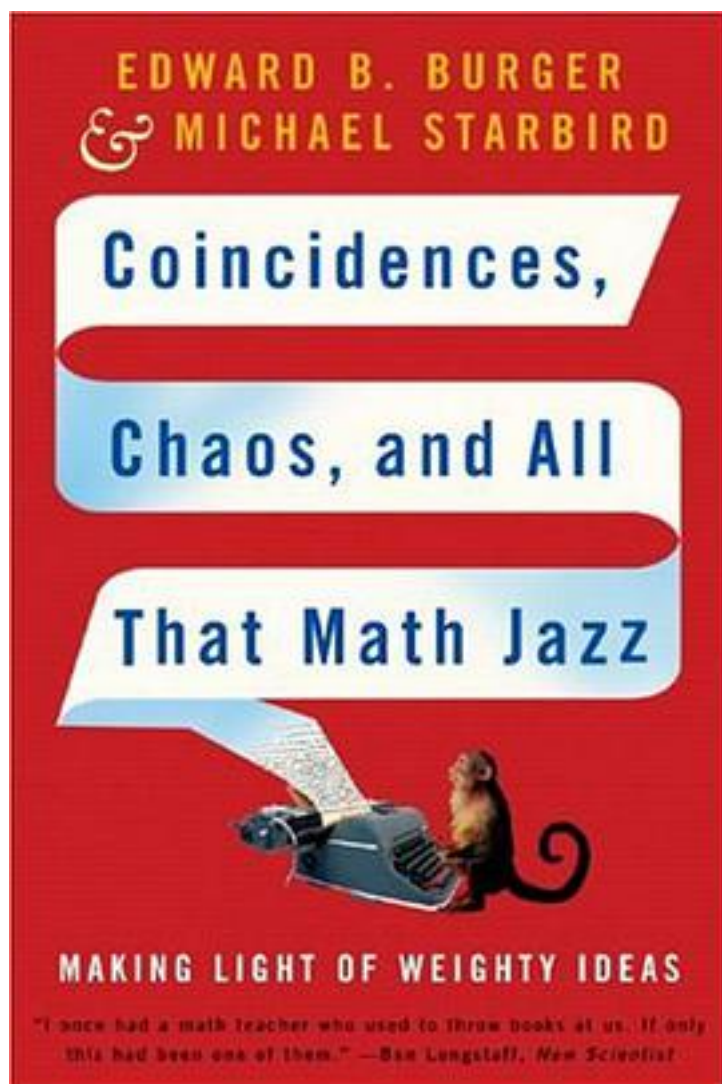


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A book for the eternally curious, *Coincidences* fuses a professor's understanding of the hidden mathematical skeleton of the universe with the sensibility of a stand-up comedian, making life's big questions accessible and compelling. Each chapter opens with a surprising insight not a mathematic formula, but a common observation. From there, the authors leapfrog over math and anecdote toward profound ideas about nature, art, and music. *Coincidences* is a book for lovers of puzzles and posers of outlandish questions, lapsed math aficionados and the formula-phobic alike.

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评论

这本书的作者非常以及及其特别得成功地用文学展示了数学中最令人着迷的几个主题。

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书评

我从来没有怀疑过：数学跟诗比较近。王小波说，如果去荒岛上只许带一本书，他就带

一本数学题。解题玩，既能排遣寂寞、打发时间，又无处不悟出自然的奥妙。如果说人生短暂、连人类的历史相比宇宙也是如此短暂，不如看看数学，发挥一下想象力，了解一下还有多少未解之谜。要知道...

作为一本激发数学兴趣的书，语言啰嗦，爱耍贫，不亲切，且重点不突出，上厕所的时候翻翻就是。书中倒是搜罗了不少好玩的数学趣题与现象，表述了“其然”，但并没有深入浅出地解释“其所以然”，故只可作为授课的引例。最后，插图为仿手工素描，画得很好。

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