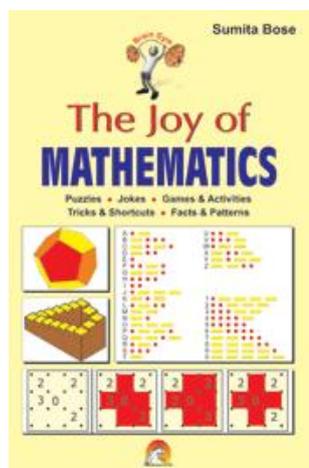




## The Joy Of Mathematics



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Many people consider mathematics to be difficult, dry and boring. But to be honest, it is not really so. The trick lies in making it lively. The author has presented the so-called 'dry contents' in a fun and enjoyable manner to make mathematics one of the easiest and attention-absorbing subjects.

Salient Features:

- Thought provoking puzzles
- Interesting mathematical magic, games and activities
- Amazing mathematical facts and patterns
- Tricks and shortcuts for quicker mathematics
- Hilarious mathematical jokes
- Optical illusions
- Attractive picture illustrations
- Solved examples with every concept
- Practice exercises with answers
- Use of mathematics in everyday life

This book is intended to infuse interest and motivation in readers to cultivate interest in mathematics which in the long run would become the foundation for embarking on higher scientific studies.

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  - m) Brothers, sisters and friends
  - n) Card magic



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