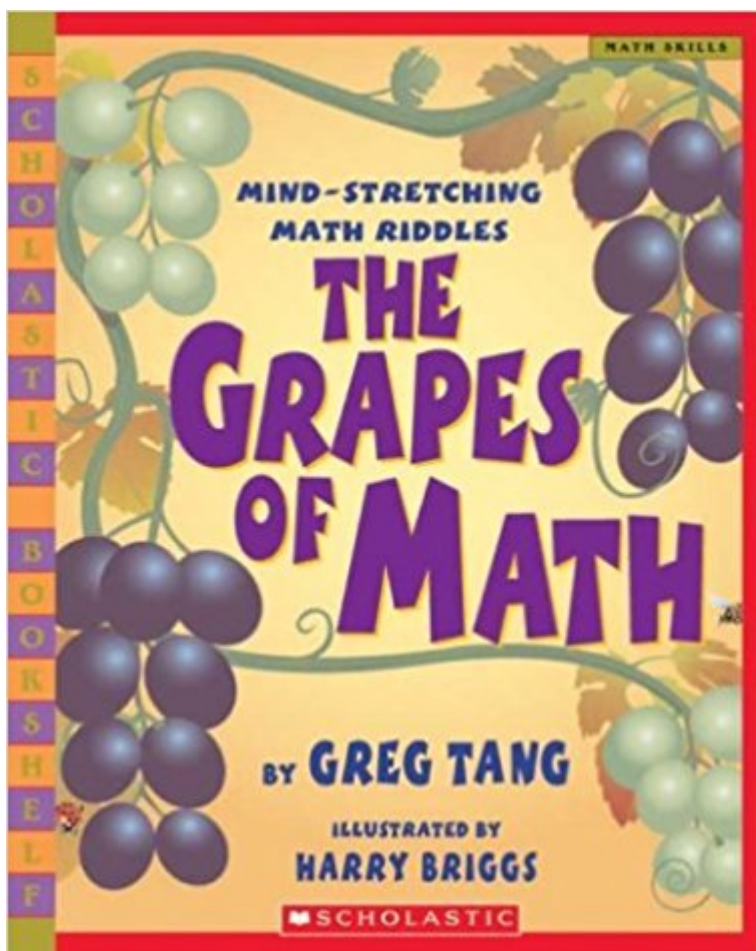


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The Grapes Of Math



Synopsis

Let Scholastic Bookshelf be your guide through the whole range of your child's experiences-laugh with them, learn with them, read with them! Eight classic, best-selling titles are available now! Category: Math Skills "How many grapes are on the vine? Counting each takes too much time. Never Fear, I have a hunch There is a match for every bunch!" Greg Tang, a lifelong lover of math, shares the techniques that have helped him solve problems in the most creative ways! Harry Briggs's vibrant & inviting illustrations create a perfect environment for these innovative games. So open your mind-and have fun! "This...clever math book uses rhyming couplets... riddles...visual clues to help the reader find new ways to group numbers for quick counting...A winning addition!" --Kirkus

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Customer Reviews

How is it possible to count a complicated pattern of strawberry seeds or grapes on a vine or camel humps--in a blink of an eye? If children can open their minds to new ways of perceiving math, anything is possible! Greg Tang shows readers creative ways to use patterns and combinations of numbers to solve math puzzles quickly and effectively. Rather than laboriously counting 24 mushroom slices on a pizza, Tang suggests: "Let me give you some advice, / Just do half and count twice." And in adding the number of dots on a fan: "Instead of seeing groups of threes, / Count by fives and it's a breeze!" Every two-page spread features cheerful computer-generated art by Harry Briggs, depicting rows of camels, beaches full of seashells, and vines laden with grapes. Tang's

witty little accompanying verses tickle the fancy even as they challenge the mind. Guided by hints in the verses, readers find solutions to each math riddle, by looking "askew" to find a pattern, subtracting in order to add, or adding numbers that have easy sums before clustering them to add in groups. Solutions and explanations are provided in the back of the book. With a little creativity and common sense, as opposed to formulas and memorization, Tang believes that all kids can do well in math--and have fun while they're at it. Readers of *The Grapes of Math* are already ahead of the game. (Ages 6 to 10) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

This clever collection of puzzles could spark the interest of even the mathematically challenged. The first-time collaborators serve up 16 math riddles, and team brisk verses ("Mama mia, pizza pie,/ How many mushrooms do you spy?") with bright computer-generated illustrations to teach problem-solving tricks and strategies. Each riddle offers a clue that nudges readers to look at the problem creatively the aforementioned "Large Pizza to Go!," for instance, hints, "Please don't count them, it's too slow,/ This hot pie was made to go!/ Let me give you some advice,/ Just do half and count it twice," while another riddle suggests, "Instead of seeing groups of threes,/ Count by fives and it's a breeze!" The simple, staccato rhymes and crisp lines of the artwork keep attention focused, while those who find themselves stumped can consult the "Answers" section at the back of the book, which offers an explanation of each problem and shows how to group objects together and look for patterns in order to speed up the calculation process. Whether counting fish, scallops, camel humps or ants at a picnic, this duo's enthusiasm for their subject matter is contagious. Ages 7-10. (Feb.) Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

My son loves math, and I don't think he's getting the enrichment he needs at school. I ordered this book, and he loved it. It's not just about solving math problems; it challenges children to discover patterns and new ways of thinking to solve a problem. That is a skill that is valuable anywhere! We are going to order some more of these books!

I like this book a lot, my son is 3 and he enjoys it. It's pretty much little rhyming stories that give you hints on how to come up with the answer they ask. I don't know how better to describe it- it's a cute little book though. When I was in fourth grade my teacher made up little rhymes to teach us multiplication that I still remember today & I'm 32 lol so I hope this book will have the same effect on my kids one day.

Great book. We used this to keep our 7 year old daughter occupied during a flight from the east to west coast (6 hours!).

Great book, my son loves counting all the pictures. He is 3 years old. Great starter book for toddlers. Words are easy to read and pictures are engaging.

I love this book. I am designing some great curriculum with a friend around the theme of perseverance (for HS students) and we are using this book as the foundational text. I am really excited to see what types of great things come from Greg Tang's book and the encouragement to have students "look at math differently!"

7 year old boys liked puzzling these out but I would have liked several puzzles of each type for them to practice and develop their skills - book was short - much shorter than I expected.

Amazing!

This book is a great way to help anyone trying to learn better math skills. The poems are engaging and the illustrations colorful and entertaining. I highly recommend The Grapes of Math! The Grapes Of Math [Paperback] Greg Tang (Author), Harry Briggs (Illustrator)

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