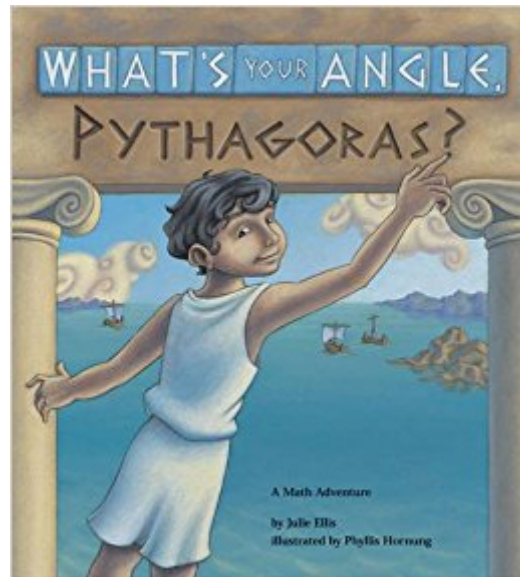




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What's Your Angle, Pythagoras?



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Young Pythagoras can't seem to stay out of trouble. Every time he tries to help, people get angry. What's a curious kid to do? On a trip to Egypt, Pythagoras' curiosity helps him discover the secret of the right triangle. A clever introduction to the Pythagorean Theorem.

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Grade 3-5—A fictionalized look (in spite of the CIP designation) at Pythagoras as he discovers his famous theorem. He is depicted as a curious boy who travels with his father from Samos to Alexandria, where he meets a builder named Neferheperhersekeper, who introduces him to the right angle. He begins to experiment, observing and noting the fixed and unvarying mathematical nature of triangles—right triangles, to be precise. The cartoon illustrations capture the dress, homes, and sailing ships in a warm and clear palette. Ellis includes delightful puns for those who are keen on wordplay. Sticklers be warned: there is lots of dialogue, but in the context of the story, it works well and helps to explain the math. This clear and interesting explanation of the theorem is a wonderful read.—Jennifer England, The Berkeley Carroll School, Brooklyn, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Julie Ellis is the author of many books for children, including PYTHAGORAS AND THE RATIOS. She wrote WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE, PYTHAGORAS? to show her daughter the uses of the Pythagorean Theorem. Julie lives in New Zealand.

I'm a Devotee of Susan Wise Bauer and this was one of the many wonderful choices she recommends in her book The Well Trained Mind. I've read the Story Of The World by Bauer to my kindergartner and she has a huge thirst for history. I would encourage parents of young children not to underestimate the things that they can understand and remember. Be bold! Pass up the potato chip brain food that is Dora the Explorer and introduce your small children to history and science and art and math. You will be amazed and delighted by the pleasure they find in it when you make it regularly available to them. My six-year-old enjoyed the adventures of young Pythagoras because he appears to be about her age, he is very adventurous, and she is very keen on ancient Greece right now. Even if they don't fully comprehend all of the math the first time they read it, this is a great introduction. Get Pythagoras And The Ratios, too!

This is a very engaging story. The illustrations are bright and appealing and reflect historical context. The story is told amusingly but is full of facts both historical and mathematical. Appropriate for very young children as a read-aloud and for students even in Middle School either as a read aloud class introduction to the math to be learned or for their own reading. It conveys the sense of a real person being at the center of math developments and emphasizes the purpose of our learning the math. A very practical resource for emphasizing life skills.

I bought this book to read to my 6th grade math class. We had been working on perimeter and area and I was trying to explain the Pythagorean Theorem to them as an introduction to what they would see in 7th grade. Only the "math" minds were really able to get the concept, until I read them the book. The book goes into great detail using fantastic visuals that link well to the story. The kids loved it and many more said they were now able to understand the formula. I'm even planning on showing it to my 8th grade coworker - they were having trouble understanding it as well.

A great theory explained so well than a 6 year old can grasp it. A must have for any child. There are some references in this book Alexandria which was nonexistent at that time but used with poetic license I guess just to set the stage but it is acknowledged in there. It just paved the way for my

child to explore further into history or myth and opened more doors.

This is an amazing way to learn about the Pythagorean Theorem in a cute story you won't forget. I have used this book with 6th graders and lent it to students through 10th grade. It's fantastic. It also includes history of the real Pythagoras. Cool.

This is one of those great math books to have around the house. Although the story can be enjoyed at a very young age, the ideas can be used up through adulthood. We have three generations who have all enjoyed it here.

Ingenious. Highly recommend. This review is coming from a career Math teacher. Wish I had written it. Keep up the good work.

Very cute and useful for young kids to understand.

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