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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Grade 5-9-This is not your typical math puzzle book. Instead of calculator puzzles or multiplication tricks, it is filled with sections on knots and unknots, maps, Möbius roller coasters, secret binary codes, billiards, chaos theory, and more. The layout is clear and precise, though some of the explanations are a bit complicated. Most of the black-and-white cartoons and diagrams complement the text nicely, although some of the drawings are a little rough. Each chapter visits a different site at an amusement park called the MathZone. For each trek, readers are asked to solve problems and try out puzzles on their own. Solutions are provided at the end. This is a fun book that goes beyond sharpening skills, allowing readers to apply mathematics to everyday life. Although it covers similar ground, it would work well with Christy Maganzini's *Cool Math* (Price Stern Sloan, 1997). While *Math Trek* is perfect for youngsters who want to experiment and learn more on their own, teachers may want to use some of the activities to supplement their curriculum.

Maren Ostergard, Bellevue Regional Library, WA

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Review

Chapters such as "Tilt-A-Whirl Madness" and "The Fractal Pond Race" take readers on an amusing and enlightening amusement park adventure through advanced concepts such as mathematical chaos, fractals and topology. The language, problems and examples are all accessible and age appropriate, and the glossary, recommended reading and web site link enhance this lively learning experience. A 2000 Parents' Choice® Recommended winner.

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From the Back Cover

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