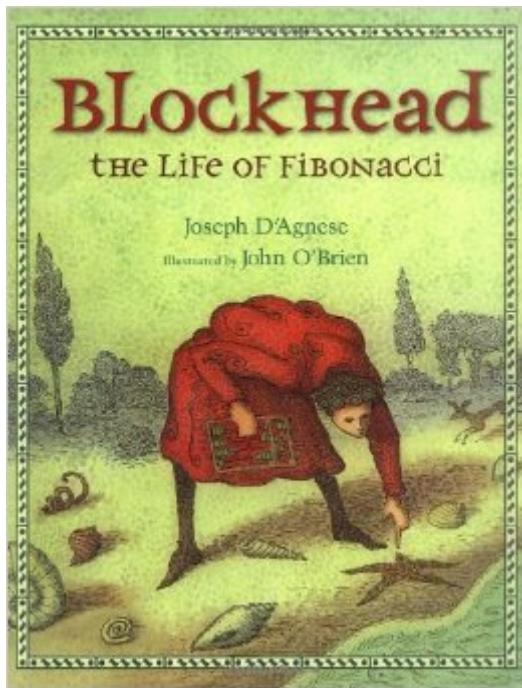


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Blockhead: The Life Of Fibonacci



Synopsis

Breaking News: In April 2015 *Blockhead* was named a Mathical Honor Book. As a young boy in medieval Italy, Leonardo Fibonacci thought about numbers day and night. He was such a daydreamer that people called him a blockhead. When Leonardo grew up and traveled the world, he was inspired by the numbers used in different countries. Then he realized that many things in nature, from the number of petals on a flower to the spiral of a nautilus shell, seem to follow a certain pattern. The boy who was once teased for being a blockhead had discovered what came to be known as the Fibonacci Sequence! *Blockhead* is a 2011 Bank Street College -- Best Children's Book of the Year. *Blockhead* has been translated into Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Catalan. Be sure to check for those editions of this title, if appropriate for your classroom!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Leonardo Fibonacci was considered to be an odd duck at school. He was wild about numbers and that didn't go over particularly well with his fellow students. One day when the Maestro gave everyone a math problem to work through he solved it in two seconds instead of the required ten minutes. He was crazy about numbers and loved to count. Even at home there was something to count, a pastime that made him happy. He counted the seeds in apples and pomegranates, he counted cucumber slices, grapes, peas in a pod . . . there wasn't much that would escape his eye

when it came to counting. Everyone else in school would work on their problems, but Leonardo got bored waiting for them to finish. He daydreamed away and before you know it the Maestro became angry and roared at him "You're nothing but an absent-minded, lazy dreamer, you, you BLOCKHEAD!" Well, the name stuck and every kid in town laughed at him and called him a blockhead. Leonardo saw numbers everywhere and nothing made him happier than thinking about them, but if he had to become a merchant at his father's command how could he study them? He wanted to be happy, to be free to explore numbers, but how could anyone take a boy named Blockhead seriously? This biographical look at Leonardo Fibonacci, a lover of numbers and big BLOCKHEAD is totally mesmerizing. Of course those who have a great disdain for numbers may not be very interested in this book, but just might want to take another look at them after reading about Blockhead. Fibonacci is best known for his "famous rabbit problem," the Fibonacci Sequence, which is laid out very nicely in these pages. The art work has a very nice Medieval touch which meshes quite nicely with this tale.

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