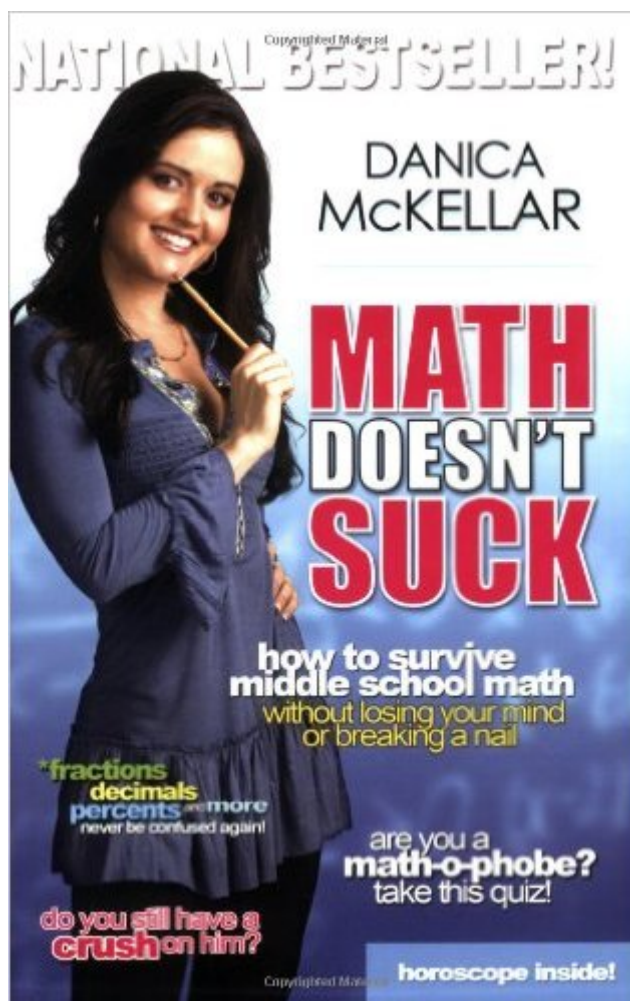


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Math Doesn't Suck: How To Survive Middle School Math Without Losing Your Mind Or Breaking A Nail



Synopsis

From a well-known actress, math genius and popular contestant on "Dancing With The Stars" a groundbreaking guide to mathematics for middle school girls, their parents, and educators. As the math education crisis in this country continues to make headlines, research continues to prove that it is in middle school when math scores begin to drop—especially for girls—in large part due to the relentless social conditioning that tells girls they can't do math, and that math is uncool. Young girls today need strong female role models to embrace the idea that it's okay to be smart—in fact, it's sexy to be smart! It's Danica McKellar's mission to be this role model, and demonstrate on a large scale that math doesn't suck. In this fun and accessible guide, McKellar—dubbed a "math superstar" by The New York Times—gives girls and their parents the tools they need to master the math concepts that confuse middle-schoolers most, including fractions, percentages, pre-algebra, and more. The book features hip, real-world examples, step-by-step instruction, and engaging stories of Danica's own childhood struggles in math (and stardom). In addition, borrowing from the style of today's teen magazines, it even includes a Math Horoscope section, Math Personality Quizzes, and Real-Life Testimonials—ultimately revealing why math is easier and cooler than readers think.

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Customer Reviews

When I was seven, my mother got a Mathematics degree. At 29, I got my own Mathematics degreeâ and of 60 people that day who got Math bachelor degrees then and there with me, only three were women. My mother proved, and those three co-graduating women proved, and Danica proves now, that women can learn math. But that's not what middle-school and high school girls think, is it? Most teen girls think they're math-morons. Danica has written this book for such math-panicked teen girlsâ Danica has written this book not only to TEACH them, but to ENCOURAGE them: "You can learn this!" The math covered in Danica's book is middle-school levelâ Danica presumes that the reader already knows how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide; then Danica takes the reader up through Algebra I. Danica's math is solid; and Danica's explanations, easy to understand. But this is not your brother's math book. If you flipped through the book quickly, not reading the text, the illustrations and all the girly-handwriting would make you think that it was a book about teen fashion. The book also has chapter headings like no other math book I've seenâ Chapter 7, for instance, is entitled, "Is Your Sister Trying to Cheat You Out of Your Fair Share? (Comparing Fractions)." Chapter 9, on complex fractions, starts out, "Say you're trying on an outfit for a party. You've got the dress, the shoes, and the earringsâ and now you're choosing the right necklace...." Danica also includes three "testimonials" (profiles) of young women who are successful in their careers because they've mastered math. Rather than show three nerdettes, the three women profiled are BABES.

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