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Patterns In Peru: An Adventure In Patterning



Synopsis

Matt and Bibi unravel a pattern to discover a lost cityThe Zills are visiting Peru to study the mysterious lost city of Quwi when Matt and Bibi stumble into an adventure. With only each other, their faithful dog Riley, and an unusual ancient relic to guide them, the twins must use their understanding of patterns and sequences to locate the lost city--and the way back. This companion to Mummy Math is a pattern-packed adventure in math that's perfect for young readers.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 1-4 • Twins Matt and Bibi follow up Mummy Math (Holt, 2005) with a new archaeology/math adventure. This time they accompany their scientist parents to Peru. By interpreting patterns woven into an Inca shawl, the youngsters follow clues to the Lost City of Quwi, whose location has eluded explorers for centuries. While the story defies logic and teaches little about local culture, it might serve as an introduction to classroom activities on sequence and pattern perception. Langdo's cartoonlike illustrations adequately depict patterns to decipher but do little to enliven the narrative. In fact, Matt, Bibi, and their canine companion seem oddly static even in dangerous situations. A list of suggested activities follows the story's conclusion. Jennifer Rozines Roy and Gregory Roy's *Patterns in Nature* (Benchmark, 2005) reinforces math concepts in a more

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GREAT, GREAT BOOK! My kid and I enjoyed reading this book so much. I love this series and we own every single one of them. I hope this was available when I was growing up, it would have made learning math so much easier and enjoyable. I never mentioned to my kid that it's an educational book and that I am feeding him math this early on. He just enjoyed the story and the challenge that this intrepid duo are faced with. As an adult, I still managed to learn something! I learned that it's easier to give patterns a name so you can remember, like a, b, c, c, and then it repeats, a, b, c, c, etc. Maybe it's not too late to teach an old dog new tricks. The "Sir Cumference" series by the same author also helped me understand some concepts that I knew, but did not fully understand. I am so glad to know that when my kid tackles these concepts in school (which is happening earlier and earlier than I ever had this level of math) we will have a whole new depth of understanding! AWESOME book!

This book is high interest, kid friendly and hooks the reader from the very first page. It's a refreshing spin on the age old math pattern because it makes the child think of patterns as ways to solve real life problems

This is one of the best books about patterns for this age group that I've come across. Where most "math" books seem to force the storyline to fit a "lesson" about patterns, this book melds the two in an effortlessly fun and engaging way. It presents patterns as directions which must be deciphered to find a lost city, giving meaning to a math topic which is critical, but too often presented in a dry, sterile fashion. Highly recommended.

Cindy Neuschwander's PATTERNS IN PERU: AN ADVENTURE IN PATTERNING tells of the Zills family, visiting Peru to study an ancient woven tunic that is connected to a mysterious lost city. Matt and Bini would love to find the Lost City, but they have their hands full when they're separated from their parents. Only an understanding of patterns and sequences can help them get back to their

parents in this whimsical, educational adventure read.

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