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A biography of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The book gives a detailed account of his upbringing in India, his mathematical achievements, and his mathematical collaboration with English mathematician G. H. Hardy. The book also reviews the life of Hardy and the academic culture of Cambridge University during the early twentieth century.

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G. H. Hardy (1877-1947) ranks among the great mathematicians of the twentieth century. He did essential research in number theory and analysis, held professorships at Cambridge and Oxford, wrote important textbooks as well as the classic *A Mathematician's Apology*, and famously collaborated with J. E. Littlewood and Srinivasa Ramanujan. Hardy was a colorful character with remarkable expository skills. This book is a feast of G. H. Hardy's writing. There are selections of his mathematical papers, his book reviews, his tributes to departed colleagues. Some articles are serious, whereas others display a wry sense of humor. And there are recollections by those who knew Hardy, along with biographical and mathematical pieces written explicitly for this collection. Fans of Hardy should find much here to like. And for those unfamiliar with his work, *The G. H. Hardy Reader* provides an introduction to this extraordinary individual.

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*Understanding Analysis* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

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*Sophie's World* Legare Street Press

Originally published in 1927, this book presents the collected papers of the renowned Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan (1887-1920), with editorial contributions from G. H. Hardy (1877-1947). Detailed notes are incorporated throughout and appendices are also included. This book will be of value to anyone with an interest in the works of Ramanujan and the history of mathematics.

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This elementary presentation exposes readers to both the process of rigor and the rewards inherent in taking an axiomatic approach to the study of functions of a real variable. The aim is to challenge and improve mathematical intuition rather than to verify it. The philosophy of this book is to focus attention on questions which give analysis its inherent fascination. Each chapter begins with the discussion of some motivating examples and concludes with a series of questions.

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Originally published in 1915 as number eighteen in the

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