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This is a unique book that helps its readers put the major (and minor) events in the history of mathematics into the context of what else was happening in the world. Suzuki even shows us that many historical figures in mathematics were actors on a larger stage. Not only is the book a worthwhile read, but it will be a constant reference afterwards.

--Victor Katz, Author of *A History of Mathematics*

About the Author

Jeff Suzuki received his B.A. in mathematics and history from California State University. His previous publications include *A History of Mathematics*, *A Brief History of Impossibility*, Lagrange's Proof of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, and *The Lost Calculus: Tangency and Optimization Without Limits*, for which he won the Carl B. Allendoerfer Award from the MAA for an article of expository excellence. He is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Brooklyn College.

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