

# Re: Reading book about Riemann Hypothesis

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In article <4352258e.7249515@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ulysse Keller <[DwarfPPE2004@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:DwarfPPE2004@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

> On Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:23:47 EDT, Narcoleptic Insomniac  
> <[i\\_have\\_narcoleptic\\_insomnia@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:i_have_narcoleptic_insomnia@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote:  
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> > On Oct 10, 2005 2:57 PM CT, [jonathan.beckett@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:jonathan.beckett@xxxxxxxxx) wrote:  
> > (...) I also read another  
> > coffee shop book on the subject called "The Music of the  
> > Primes" or something like that (I forget whom the author  
> > was).

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> I have this book – but did not yet read it (only "diagonally": when  
> I bought it, I was just attracted by the title, but did not know then  
> that it is about the Riemann H. or even about "real" math. !) – in  
> the German translation. The above title is exact, the author is  
> Marcus du Sautoy and its English original was published at  
> Fourth Estate Ltd., London

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> For whom is interested ...  
I recommend *Prime Obsession*, by John Derbyshire, as the best of the recent popular books about the Riemann Hypothesis. He actually accepts the challenge of explaining the RH, without assuming a university-level background in mathematics. He actually begins by calming down any possible misgivings about so-called "imaginary numbers".

> From there to an understanding of what the "zeta function" is, and how it is connected to the distribution of prime numbers, is an arduous but feasible journey. I think that is far better than being told that it's all perfectly marvelous but we can't explain it to you because that would be too difficult.

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Chris Henrich  
<http://www.mathinteract.com>  
Q: Who lives at 668?  
A: The next-door neighbor of the Beast.  
— (?)Joshua Burton

- **References:**

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- ◇ *From:* jonathan . beckett

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- ◇ *From:* Ulysse Keller

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