

# Re: Out-of-print math books: An Update

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On 6 Oct 2008 17:14:35 GMT, Bart Goddard  
<[goddardbe@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:goddardbe@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Ben Pfaff <[blp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:blp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in  
[news:87y711y950.fsf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:87y711y950.fsf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

herbzet <[herbzet@xxxxxxxx](mailto:herbzet@xxxxxxxx)> writes:

Bill Dubuque wrote:

So, seriously, why do you prefer paper  
media, which lack all these  
capabilities and many more?

- 1) Don't need batteries.
- 2) Won't break if dropped.
- 3) Recognizable from their cover.
- 4) Like the smell.
  
- 5) Much more convenient for reading in bed.
- 6) Don't take up valuable on-screen real estate.
  
- 7) Can snap shut with satisfying "whump" when idiot  
won't quit interrupting you while you're trying to read.
  
- 8) Can "whump" idiot's head solidly when he doesn't get  
the hint above.
  
- 9) Can read on airplane during take-off and landing  
(unless idiot insists on talking to you.)
  
- 10) Often the mere sight of a book will drive idiots off.  
(It messes with their Ipods or something.)

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11) Devoid of "OMG" and "UR" and other such idiot-speak.

12) I like leather.

13) There is space in the margins to write "I have a marvellous proof of this theorem", and other useful annotations (in pencil, of course).

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Contains mild peril

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