

Anno's Math Games 2

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Mitsumasa Anno : Anno's Math Games 2 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Anno's Math Games 2:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By D. Bera Awesome book, very playfully introduces some mathematical concepts to young kids. 31 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Teach your children early to LOVE math By Faye KuI find the review from the library journal really silly. Most preschoolers really can understand and follow this book, when read to them by a caring adult. It is one of the best examples of Mitsumasa Anno's pure love of mathematics shining through. I recommend being there to read it to your child, so you can experience the joy for yourself. I have tutored otherwise very good students having trouble in algebra, and it is obvious that this type of visualizing and reasoning and exploring was missing all along in the school curriculum, which means they were never prepared for abstract thinking. Don't depend on the school to give your children the tools they need. Here is the missing link. These are some basic unifying basic ideas of mathematics that everything else will build on. The first chapter is all about understand operations, that some can be reversed and others can't. Later chapters explore how numbers represent our world, our decimal counting system, and how to measure quantities that are uncountable. All of this is done visually. If you have a number of real objects, you can draw them to represent them, then you can draw them simpler and simpler until they are just circles, and then you can represent those circles with numbers. It is genius, taking what adults take for granted as intuitive, and breaking it down into simple magical steps, which were truly the first ones we took to real understanding. Yes, it was that easy, and yet not all children come to it easily. If

only there were more books like this one! Too bad it is out of print now. Get it from your local public library if you need to. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Fun, creative math lessons
By Aeron Noe
My daughter loves workbooks. She'll be 4 this week, and we stumbled upon this book in our favorite bookstore about a month ago. Although we don't let her write in it (saving it for our younger son to use, too), she is in love with it. It is challenging. I find she can do about three pages with me, thinking very hard about all the concepts presented, before she gets tired. This is great, because normally she sits down and plows through a book cover to cover. I was afraid the concepts would be too difficult for her, and to be honest, they would probably be better for an older child, but she is able to understand and get a lot out of it. It teaches concepts like same and different (pick the picture that's different), putting together and taking apart (pictures of inventions and the two separate tools they combine, chart reading activity where you figure out where the kids' colorful clothing goes on a chart that separates color from clothing item), etc. All of this is done with fun little elfish characters. Got to say, I love this book!

About the Author
Mitsumasa Anno was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, the highest honor attainable in the field of children's book illustration in 1984. His original art will be displayed at the gallery opening of The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Northampton, MA. Mr. Anno lives in Japan.