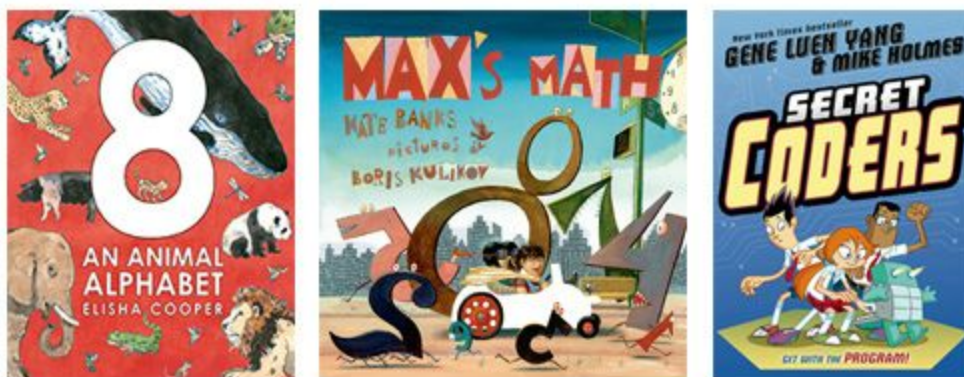


2016 Mathical: Books for Kids from Tots to Teens Prize

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The 2016 Mathical Book Prize Winners are here!

The **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI)** and the **Children's Book Council (CBC)** are proud to announce the winners of the second annual *Mathical: Books for Kids from Tots to Teens* youth book prize. Books can be a fantastic way to get children of all ages excited and interested in mathematics. Mathical recognizes the most inspiring math-related fiction and nonfiction books that bring to life the wonder of math in our everyday lives. This year's top selections are: (Pre-K) **8: An Animal Alphabet**, by Elisha Cooper, (Grades K-2) **Max's Math**, by Kate Banks and Boris Kulikov, and (Grades 3-5) **Secret Coders**, by Gene Luen Yang and Mike Holmes.



Inspire a Love of Math with Every Page Turn

From counting to coding, we think you'll find something to love for all ages in this year's **Mathical winners!** A national committee of distinguished children's literary figures, librarians, and math educators selected this year's picks, chaired by **Jordan Ellenberg** (professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison and author of *How Not To Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking*), **Rebecca Goldin** (professor at George Mason University and director of STATS.org), and **Jon Scieszka** (creator of [guysread.org](#), inaugural National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and author of many beloved children's books including *Math Curse*).

Share the Excitement!

If you'd like to help us promote the 2016 Mathical prize winners with parents, educators, or libraries that want to encourage kids to be curious about math, you can find a complete [Mathical Supporters Kit](#) on our site!

The kit includes:

- The 2016 Mathical prize press release and complete list of winners
- Book cover images and a printable poster for display
- Sample content to use in newsletters or social media postings

Mathical on social media:

- **Mathical** on Twitter: [@mathmoves](#)
- **Official hashtag:** If you love to tweet, pin, or post about our winners, use the hashtag **#mathicalbooks** to share the fun and find fellow fans! On Twitter, tag [@mathmoves](#) and we'll spread the love.

2016 Mathical Award authors:

- **8: An Animal Alphabet:** Elisha Cooper ([elishacooper.com](#))
- **Max's Math:** Kate Banks ([katebanksbooks.com](#)) and Boris Kulikov ([boriskulikov.com](#))
- **Secret Coders:** Gene Luen Yang ([geneyang.com](#), [@geneluenyang](#)) and Mike Holmes ([mikeholmesdraws.com](#), [@mike_holmes](#))
- **Count with Maisy, Cheep, Cheep, Cheep!: Lucy Cousins** ([maisysfun.com](#))
- **The Boy Who Loved Math:** Deborah Heiligman ([deborahheiligman.com](#), [@DHeiligman](#)) and LeUyen Pham ([leuyenpham.com](#))
- **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer:** Kelly Jones ([curiosityjones.net](#), [@curiosityjones](#)) and Katie Kath ([ktkath.com](#), [@kathk_me](#))
- **Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals are Big and Little Animals are Little:** Nicola Davies ([nicola-davies.com](#), [@nicolakidsbooks](#)) and Neal Layton ([neallayton.co.uk](#))
- **Innovators in Action: Leonardo da Vinci Gets A Do-Over:** Mark P. Friedlander, Jr. and Worachet Boon Sakprayoonpong ([boon-arts.com](#))
- **The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel:** Deborah Hopkinson ([deborahhopkinson.com](#))

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