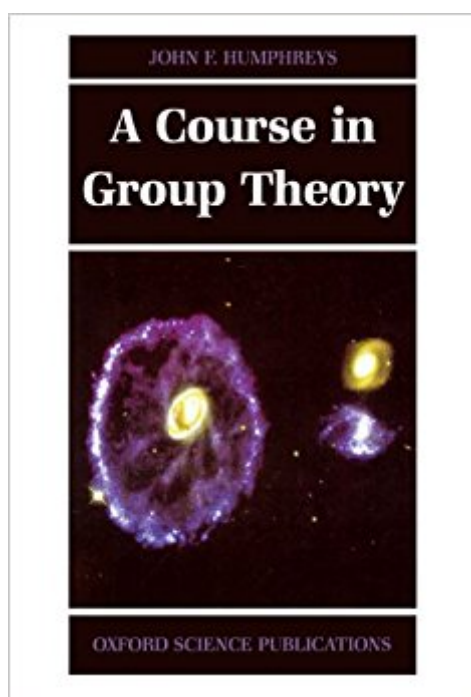


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Excellent book especially for its slant towards the classification of simple groups. I haven't found any reasonably accessible presentation of group theory with this slant anywhere else and it has helped me better understand the challenges. So if I liked it, why the 3 rating? Simple -- the index is an abomination and the author should be ashamed for being so lazy.

This book has a massive brief: to work up to concepts which allow the author to describe the finite simple groups. By and large it succeeds. It is only recently (a few decades ago: in mathematics that is an eyeblink) that the finite simple groups were finally classified. To those of a certain cast of interest this is mindblowingly exciting - but the mathematics behind it is challenging. This book does a fair job of working up to speed on the various concepts, and provides the reader with plentiful illustrative examples throughout the text as he goes. Classification is one of the main objects of the exercise (as is so much of group theory), and the reader is regularly pointed in that direction. One problem I had with this (which is why only 4 stars) is that at times it does go a little fast. To a certain extent it has to - it's a short book and a colossal subject. If this *is* a problem, then there is no reason why you can't read around the subject from other sources. And there are plenty out there.

this is a concise and fairly comprehensive book on finite groups. it is very, very nice. in about 200 pages, it gives you all of the basics. a bright high school student can read it. books like these are so much better than annoying books like Artin, or Lang which are like 700 pages and are basically a brain dump of the author onto the student. if you want to learn group theory by yourself and have a patience, read this book, then the book by James and Liebeck. then to learn Lie algebras/groups, use a book like Erdmann or Kirillov or this very short new book by Yvette Kosmann-Schwarzbach. for lots of examples look at Fulton & Harris.

The book covers all the elements of group theory, with a great deal of care. Each concept introduced is supported with at least some examples, difficult concepts with many. The book is rigorous without being pedantic. The last chapter, which I could not resist skipping to, contains a survey of the description of finite groups with some historical notes and indications of where the reader might go next. I am looking for other books by the same author. It is obvious from this book that the author is an excellent teacher.

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