



Chef Spotlight

“Eugenia Cheng Makes Math a Piece of Cake.”

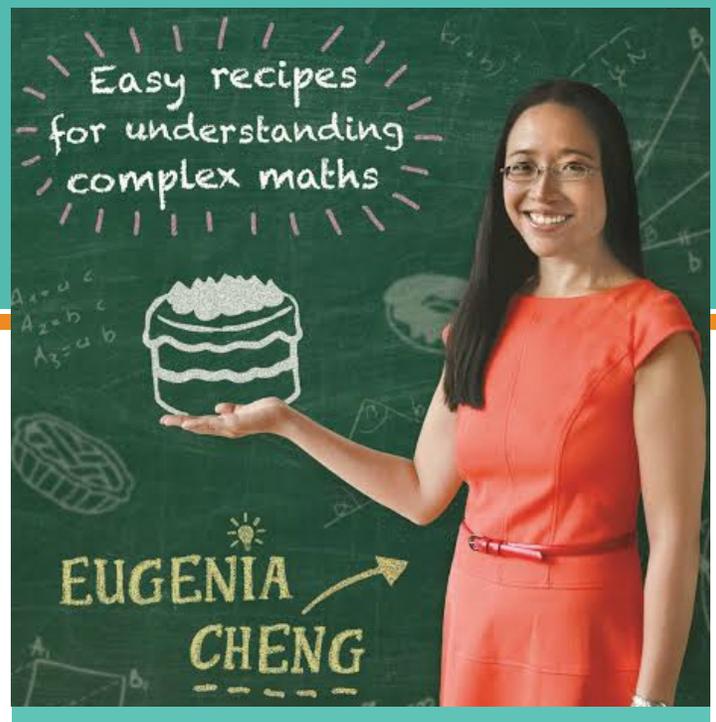
Natalie Angier, The New York Times

Dr. Eugenia Cheng insists that the public has it all wrong about math being difficult, something that only the gifted mathletes among us can do. To the contrary, she says, math exists to make life smoother, to solve those problems that can be solved by applying math’s most powerful tool: logic.

A University of Cambridge graduate, Dr. Cheng has completed post-doctoral work there as well as at the University of Chicago and Nice. She has been featured on “*The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*” and her online math tutorials have been viewed more than a million times. So committed is Dr. Cheng to mass math demystification that she recently left a tenured professorship at the University of Sheffield in Britain to take a position at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she teaches math to art students, lectures and continues her research in category theory on the side.



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“She conveys the spirit of inventiveness and creativity in math that all mathematicians feel but do a very poor job communicating when teaching math.”

Steven Strogatz, Author and Professor of Applied Mathematics at Cornell University

Today, in the United States, less than 30 percent of graduate students and only 12 percent of tenured faculty members in math are women. Dr. Cheng is striving to change attitudes across the board so that girls and boys have a better shot at STEM careers.

“Children give me hope. Their natural compassion, openness, excitement and curiosity. We expect children to learn from us, but I think we have a lot to learn from them, too.” Dr. Eugenia Cheng

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