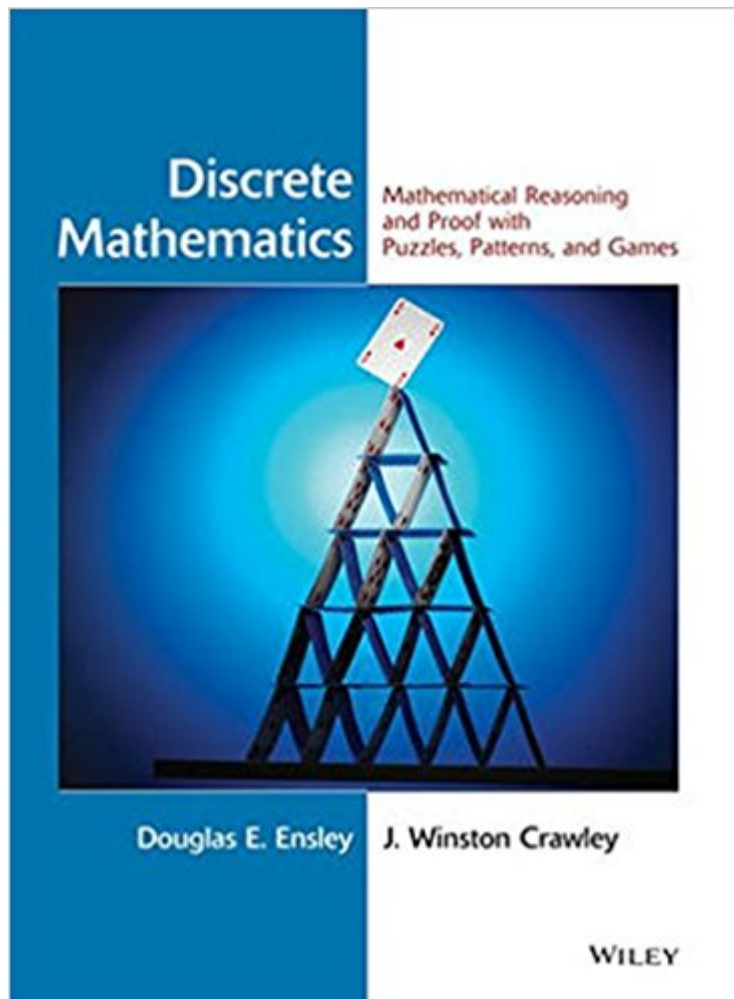


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than regular texts. This makes the book immensely more useful for math enthusiasts and high-school math competition contestants, in addition to its regular use in courses for math majors in universities. Computer science majors with a focus on algorithm and programming may feel the book has too much of a math-centric problem solving focus, and probably should look elsewhere. Overall, a fascinating read; highly recommended.

This is a great book. The authors present things very clearly and it's easy to follow. The authors put quite a lot of personality into the text as well, this made it pretty enjoyable to read through before/after lectures.

I didn't like the format of the book at the beginning of class. But I am the sort to seek out other books. Of five or six comparable text books that I scavenged from here and there, this book did the best job over all. I did find better books that treated proofs only (and that also covered some of the same material), but this book also covered other areas that one needs to move from calculation to actually thinking like a mathematician.

It's not an actual book, it's just a bunch of printed papers taped together pretty much. Literally was a binder with papers. I mean, it works for something I am renting, but I rather have a book. Content wise I thought it was fine, but it was for a class where I had a professor and didn't self study.

This is exactly the same solutions at the back of the book. Not much explanation or steps shown on how to arrive at the answers. If answers at the back original text aren't of much help to you then this won't be either. Such a disappointment..... and a waste of money.

This student solutions manual only includes the solutions that are already in the back of the book. Some of them give more explanation, but some of the confusing solutions only give the same answer as the textbook. It doesn't seem worth the expense if there isn't a lot to help me understand the process, how to solve problems.

This book is a reminder to me of the fun in math. The explanations are clear and the examples are sufficient to cover the material.

Had to get this for a class, very useful and good to read, we mainly used it for the homeworks

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