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**A PASSIONATE PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF A MATHEMATICIAN WHO FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
THE ENIGMATIC INDIAN GENIUS SRINIVASA RAMANUJAN**

Praise for **MY SEARCH FOR RAMANUJAN**

"Ken Ono possesses an indomitable passion, for Ramanujan, for mathematics, and for life. He shares the sweeping story of his transformative journey with wry humor, imaginative insight, and uncommon candor."—**Siobhan Roberts**, award-winning author of *Genius at Play* and *King of Infinite Space*

"Written in courageous, intimate prose, the remarkable story of Ken Ono's search for Ramanujan—and ultimately, for himself—will shock you, haunt you, and move you."
— **Steven Strogatz**, author of *The Joy of x*

"*My Search for Ramanujan* deftly interleaves Ken Ono's mathematical, and unexpectedly personal, autobiography with the remarkable story of the self-taught mathematical hero Srinivasa Ramanujan, told as only a number theory expert like Ono could do it. Recommended for anyone who loves mathematics, or remarkable stories." —**Jordan Ellenberg**, author of *How Not to be Wrong*

MY SEARCH FOR RAMANUJAN

How I Learned to Count
By Ken Ono and Amir Aczel

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The son of a prominent Japanese mathematician who came to the United States after World War II, Ken Ono was raised on a diet of high expectations and little praise. Rebellious against his pressure-cooker of a life, Ken determined to drop out of high school to follow his own path. To obtain his father's approval, he invoked the biography of the famous Indian mathematical prodigy Srinivasa Ramanujan, whom his father revered, who had twice flunked out of college because of his single-minded devotion to mathematics.

Ono describes his rocky path through college and graduate school, interweaving Ramanujan's story with his own and telling how at key moments, he was inspired by Ramanujan and guided by mentors who encouraged him to pursue his interest in exploring Ramanujan's mathematical legacy.

Picking up where others left off, beginning with the great English mathematician G.H. Hardy, who brought Ramanujan to Cambridge in 1914, Ono has devoted his mathematical career to understanding how in his short life, Ramanujan was able to discover so many deep mathematical truths, which

Ramanujan believed had been sent to him as visions from a Hindu goddess. And it was Ramanujan who was ultimately the source of reconciliation between Ono and his parents.

Ono's search for Ramanujan ranges over three continents and crosses paths with mathematicians whose lives span the globe and the entire twentieth century and beyond. Along the way, Ken made many fascinating discoveries. The most important and surprising one of all was his own humanity."

My Search for Ramanujan will publish to coincide with the worldwide film release of the critically-acclaimed film about Ramanujan's tragically short life and works, *The Man Who Knew Infinity*, directed by Matt Brown and starring Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel. Ken Ono served as the film's sole mathematical consultant and Associate Producer.

About the authors

Ken Ono is the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Mathematics at Emory University and a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society. He has received many awards for his research in number theory, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Packard Fellowship, and a Sloan Fellowship. He was awarded a Presidential Career Award by Bill Clinton in a ceremony at the White House in 2000, and in 2005 he was named the National Science Foundation's Distinguished Teaching Scholar. Ono served as Associate Producer and Consultant for the forthcoming film on the life and work of Ramanujan, *The Man Who Knew Infinity*. Additionally, he serves as Editor-in-Chief for several journals, including *Research in the Mathematical Sciences* and *Research in Number Theory*, and he is an Editor of *The Ramanujan Journal*. He also serves as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *Graduate Texts in Mathematics*.

Amir D. Aczel was a bestselling author and historian of science. He received his PhD in Statistics from University of Oregon. Dr. Aczel was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2004, and he was a visiting researcher at Boston University's Center for the Philosophy & History of Science. He has written articles that have been published by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Jerusalem Post*, and the *Huffington Post*.

Ken Ono is available for interview.

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