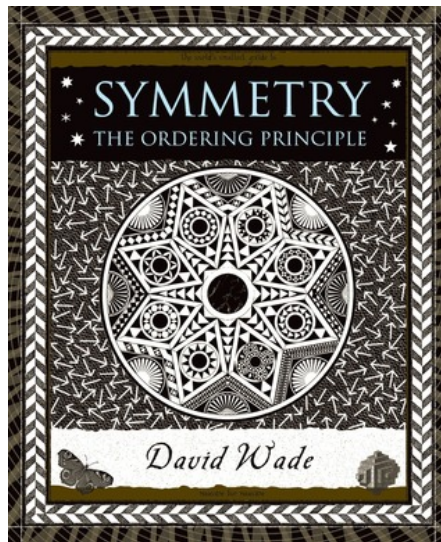




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Symmetry underlies almost every aspect of nature and our experience of the world, from the subatomic realms of quantum mechanics to the equations of physics, in art, architecture and our concepts of morality and justice. In this little book Welsh writer and artist David Wade paints a picture of one of the most elusive and pervasive concepts known to man.

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Ludo says

Symmetrie als ordenend principe

Dit schitterend boekje, van David Wade, heel mooi uitgegeven bij Wooden Books, heb ik "gevonden" (voor 10 \$) vorige zomer (2007) in "The Elliot Bay Book Company" een zalige boekhandel in Seattle. Je hoeft er niet eerst slapeloos voor te worden of op zoek te gaan naar Meg, zelfs s'avonds tot 10 pm kan je er terecht. Naast een schitterend aanbod, vakkundig personeel om je te helpen, kan je er ook nog een hapje eten in het kelder café, tussen het grasduinen door.

Symmetry: The ordering Principle

Designer David Wade vertelt in dit knap geïllustreerd pareltje (met oude gravures en originele prenten), op een aanstekelijke manier hoe symmetrie in mekaar zit en waar je het overal ontmoet. In elk hoek van de wetenschap, de natuur en ook onze menselijke cultuur vind je uitingen van symmetrie. Met voorbeelden uit de wiskunde, muziek, natuur, oogt dit als een bundeltje poëzie, en is dus niet om in één ruk uit te lezen, maar om regelmatig eens van te proeven, te genieten, eventjes vast te pakken en voor het slapengaan...

jeremy says

the wooden books series is like lunchables to the teenager: seemingly nutritious and fulfilling, but ultimately unsatisfying - offering very little in the way of actual substance (save for its attractive packaging).

symmetry: the ordering principle, author by designer david wade, looks at the role of symmetry throughout the realms of nature, geometry, art, and society. it's intriguing fare, to be sure, but leaves one (or, at least, this one) wanting for something beyond the cursory. while these books are beautifully illustrated, i can't help but wonder if they're perhaps geared only towards those with very short attention spans and easily-satiated minds.

Tomas says

tak trochu nuda ...

Lisa says

A very nice little overview to symmetry in art, math, and science.

Jana Lánová says

Úžasná kniha, už nikdy se na sv?t nebudu koukat jak p?edtím (a navíc ho budu um?t pojmenovat slovy jako dihedrální ?i dorzoventrální).

Lisa A. Fraser says

An awesome little book. I was amazed by how much info was packed in here. I loved how Wade clearly demonstrates the various types of symmetry found in everything from humans to water, the planets and art, even the symmetry of behavior & culture. It left me wanting to learn more about the study of this paradoxical principle that pervades the universe.

My favorite line: "...symmetry principles are characterized by a quietude, a stillness that is somehow beyond the bustling world; yet in one way or another, they are almost always involved with transformation, or disturbance, or movement."

The universe is so ordered yet chaotic, so busy yet still - and we also portray those same paradoxes (& much more) at times. And through it all there's a oneness in all of it.

Marsmannix says

Too hard for me.

Jen Crichton says

Lovely illustrated introduction to symmetry in nature great and small. A starting point from which to skate further, not an end point where you are immersed in answers.
