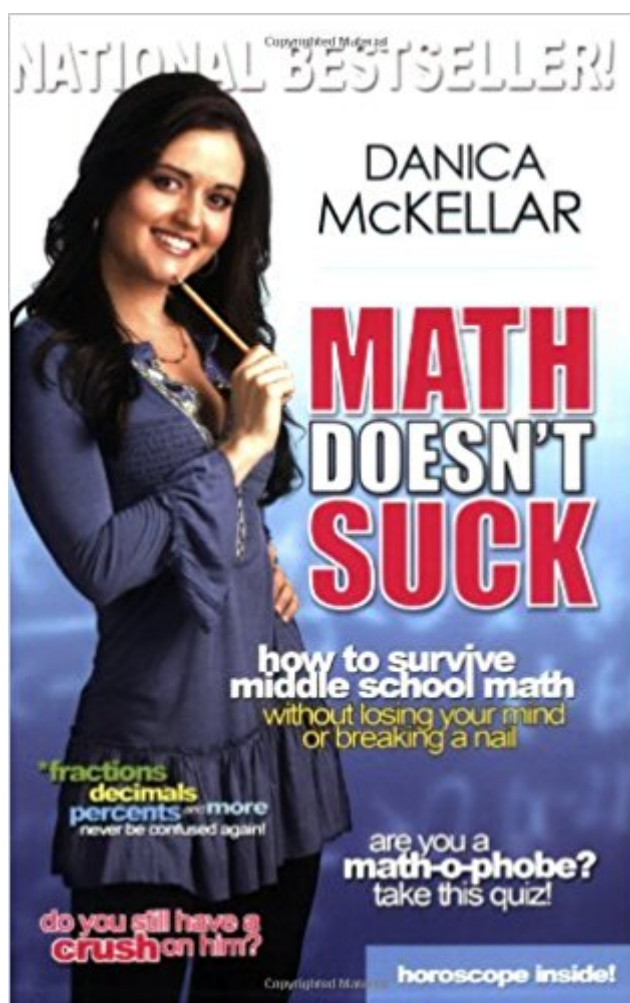


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# Math Doesn't Suck: How To Survive Middle School Math Without Losing Your Mind Or Breaking A Nail



## Synopsis

From a well-known actress, math genius and popular contestant on "Dancing With The Stars" — a groundbreaking guide to mathematics for middle school girls, their parents, and educators. As the math education crisis in this country continues to make headlines, research continues to prove that it is in middle school when math scores begin to drop — especially for girls — in large part due to the relentless social conditioning that tells girls they "can't do" math, and that math is "uncool." Young girls today need strong female role models to embrace the idea that it's okay to be smart — in fact, it's sexy to be smart! It's Danica McKellar's mission to be this role model, and demonstrate on a large scale that math doesn't suck. In this fun and accessible guide, McKellar — dubbed a "math superstar" by The New York Times — gives girls and their parents the tools they need to master the math concepts that confuse middle-schoolers most, including fractions, percentages, pre-algebra, and more. The book features hip, real-world examples, step-by-step instruction, and engaging stories of Danica's own childhood struggles in math (and stardom). In addition, borrowing from the style of today's teen magazines, it even includes a Math Horoscope section, Math Personality Quizzes, and Real-Life Testimonials — ultimately revealing why math is easier and cooler than readers think.

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## Customer Reviews

"McKellar... may well have done more to encourage girls to stick with math than any government task force... the wildly enthusiastic response [her books] have received speaks to the effect that can be achieved by reworking the contents of standard math and science problems and countering the perception that boys won't like girls who are smart." —Eileen Pollack, The New York Times

"Exhorts her female readers not to fall prey to others' low expectations, especially expectations that are based on deeply ingrained stereotypes stemming from one's appearance... McKellar genuinely wants to change the way girls view intelligence and, more importantly, themselves... McKellar hopes to revise the girly image of dim-bulbs with a new formulation: Smart is sexy. And that's an equation we all can understand." —Erica Stalnecker, National Review

Danica McKellar is a New York Times bestselling author of groundbreaking math books, including *Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math*, *Girls Get Curves: Geometry Takes Shape*, *Kiss My Math: Showing Pre-Algebra Who's Boss*, *Hot X: Algebra Exposed!*, and the *Goodnight, Numbers* series of children's books, and is a summa cum laude graduate of UCLA with a degree in mathematics. She is also well known for her acting roles on *The Wonder Years*, *The West Wing*, and multiple Hallmark Channel movies, and as a quarterfinalist on *Dancing with the Stars*. She lives with her family in Los Angeles.

I love this book. Danica puts you in real life situations and uses math to help you understand how to apply and solve math problems within these real life situations. She explains everything clearly and also gives you little tricks along the way to help make math faster and easier. I bought this for my 13 year old to help her understand what she did last year in school from a different perspective and to help her keep her math skills up during the summer months.... It has done both and my daughter loved the book.

Middle school is really tough on our kids, more so than High School as our children have to learn more responsibilities while going through physical changes. Danica, relates to the reader about her struggles in school, and how to overcome them. She also teaches math in a way that the kids can understand. Remember this book is more geared towards girl. I am sure the math parts will be great

tools to teach the boys, but the stories are from a girls perspective.

Bought this with the intention of reviewing it for possible inclusion in our church library to help out kids. Ms. McKellar does an excellent job explaining the topics. While the book is intended for girls, boys will also benefit. Her teaching style is very down to earth and I wish someone like her would have been around when I was young.

Absolutely the best book around for kids who have a large discrepancy between their aptitude, enjoyment, and competence in language tasks versus mathematical ones. McKellar sits next to the student and chats in an animated and engaging way throughout the lesson, helping the verbal student learn to use her strengths to mediate the process. I only wish she'd write an additional version that was less girly. I've used this book with middle school boys I tutor, apologizing profusely at the outset for all the references to being female. They have agreed with me at the end that the explanations are so clear -- so "different from regular books", one boy said -- that they pretty much forgave me. Pretty much. In short, this is an awesome book -- but we need another that covers the same ground in the same way but using different examples and a slightly different tone. McKellar, are you out there? :+)

I am a homeschooling Mom with 10 years of teaching experience. My 13-year old used to love math. But, somewhere along the line, it went from fascinating and exciting to terrifying and depressing. She has fought me tooth and nail over the last few years with math. Along comes Danica. For the first time I can remember in many years, my girl is about to finish an entire math book in one-year!! Hooray! She still doesn't love math. But, like Danica says, "Math doesn't suck," so she gets it now. Thank you Danica for writing such a cool book!!

Our granddaughter found this book just what she needed to turn around her math grades. She now knows math is fun.

I ended up purchasing all three of her books. I am older and was going back to college, I remembered nothing about math. After reading her books I passed Algebra with a 95%. Then my son used them, he is 16 and now is amazing in math. Now my 12 yr old daughter is using them, she is terrible in math. I know by the time we go through all these books she will be an A student! Great books, I recommend them to everyone..I'll update this once my daughter finishes all the books.

I bought this after scanning the copy the library had. I was impressed enough to think it would be a very good resource for my grandkids as they are all going to be at this age and schooling level.

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