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BETHANY MACDONALD HAS TRAINED SIX LONG YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT. SHE'LL TRY TO SOLVE FIVE QUESTIONS IN THREE HOURS, FOR ONE IMPROBABLE DREAM. THE DREAM OF REPRESENTING HER COUNTRY, AND BECOMING A MATH OLYMPIAN. As a small-town girl in Nova Scotia bullied for liking numbers more than boys, and lacking the encouragement of her unsupportive single mother who frowns at her daughter's unrealistic ambition, Bethany's road to the International Math Olympiad has been marked by numerous challenges. Through persistence, perseverance, and the support of innovative mentors who inspire her with a love of learning, Bethany confronts these challenges and develops the creativity and confidence to reach her potential. In training to become a world-champion "mathlete", Bethany discovers the heart of mathematics - a subject that's not about memorizing formulas, but rather about problem-solving and detecting patterns to uncover truth, as well as learning how to apply the deep and unexpected connections of mathematics to every aspect of her life, including athletics, spirituality, and environmental sustainability. As Bethany reflects on her long journey and envisions her exciting future, she realizes that she has shattered the misguided stereotype that only boys can excel in math, and discovers a sense of purpose that through mathematics, she can and she will make an extraordinary contribution to society....

AMC 12 Preparation Book Glenwood Publications Incorporated
This book consists only of author-created problems with author-

prepared solutions (never published before) and it is intended as a teacher's manual of mathematics, a self-study handbook for high-school students and mathematical competitors interested in AMC 12 (American Mathematics Competitions). The book teaches problem solving strategies and aids to improve problem solving skills. The book includes a list of the most useful theorems and formulas for AMC 12, it also includes 14 sets of author-created AMC 12 type practice tests (350 author-created AMC 12 type problems and their detailed solutions). National Math Competition Preparation (NMCP) program of RSM used part of these 14 sets of practice tests to train students for AMC 12, as a result 75 percent of NMCP high school students qualified for AIME. The authors provide both a list of answers for all 14 sets of author-created AMC 12 type practice tests and author-prepared solutions for each problem. About the authors: Hayk Sedrakyan is an IMO medal winner, professional mathematical Olympiad coach in greater Boston area, Massachusetts, USA. He is the Dean of math competition preparation department at RSM. He has been a Professor of mathematics in Paris and has a PhD in mathematics (optimal control and game theory) from the UPMC - Sorbonne University, Paris, France. Hayk is a Doctor of mathematical sciences in USA, France, Armenia and holds three master's degrees in mathematics from institutions in Germany, Austria, Armenia and has spent a small part of his PhD studies in Italy. Hayk Sedrakyan has worked as a scientific researcher for the European Commission (sadco project) and has been one of the Team Leaders at Harvard-MIT Mathematics Tournament (HMMT). He took part in the International Mathematical Olympiads (IMO) in United Kingdom, Japan and Greece. Hayk has been elected as the President of the students' general assembly and a member of the management board of Cite Internationale Universitaire de Paris

(10,000 students, 162 different nationalities) and the same year they were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Nairi Sedrakyan is involved in national and international mathematical Olympiads having been the President of Armenian Mathematics Olympiads and a member of the IMO problem selection committee. He is the author of the most difficult problem ever proposed in the history of the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), 5th problem of 37th IMO. This problem is considered to be the hardest problems ever in the IMO because none of the members of the strongest teams (national Olympic teams of China, USA, Russia) succeeded to solve it correctly and because national Olympic team of China (the strongest team in the IMO) obtained a cumulative result equal to 0 points and was ranked 6th in the final ranking of the countries instead of the usual 1st or 2nd place. The British 2014 film *X+Y*, released in the USA as *A Brilliant Young Mind*, inspired by the film *Beautiful Young Minds* (focuses on an English mathematical genius chosen to represent the United Kingdom at the IMO) also states that this problem is the hardest problem ever proposed in the history of the IMO (minutes 9:40-10:30). Nairi Sedrakyan's students (including his son Hayk Sedrakyan) have received 20 medals in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), including Gold and Silver medals.

Problems and Solutions Springer

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solutions that China used to train their Olympiad team in the years from 2009 to 2010. Mathematical Olympiad problems with solutions for the years 2002-2008 appear in an earlier volume, *Mathematical Olympiad in China*."

110 Geometry Problems for the International

Mathematical Olympiad World Scientific Publishing Company

This book is intended as a teacher's manual and a self-study handbook for high-school or college students, and mathematical competitors. It consists mainly of problems created by the authors, with author-prepared-solutions, which were used in different national and international Mathematical Olympiads from 1984 to 2019. The book is arranged by topic and difficulty level. The book gives a broad view of mathematics and goes well beyond the elementary mathematics by providing deeper treatments of the following topics: Geometry and Trigonometry, Number theory, Algebra, Combinatorics and Calculus.

The Colorado Mathematical Olympiad: The Third Decade and Further Explorations Aops Incorporated

Vietnam has actively organized the National Competition in Mathematics and since 1962, the Vietnamese Mathematical Olympiad (VMO). On the global stage, Vietnam has also competed in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) since 1974 and constantly emerged as one of the top ten. To inspire and further challenge readers, we have gathered in this book selected problems of the VMO from 1962 to 2008. A number of Selection Test problems are also included to aid in the formation and training of a national team for IMO. The book is highly useful for high school students and teachers, coaches and instructors preparing for mathematical olympiads, as well as non-experts simply interested in having the edge over their opponents in mathematical competitions.

Mathematical Olympiads 1999-2000 Springer Science & Business Media

"Problem-Solving and Selected Topics in Euclidean Geometry: in the Spirit of the Mathematical Olympiads" contains theorems which are of particular value for the solution of geometrical problems. Emphasis is given in the discussion of a variety of methods, which play a significant role for the solution of problems in Euclidean Geometry. Before the complete solution of every problem, a key idea is presented so that the reader will be able to provide the solution. Applications of the basic geometrical

methods which include analysis, synthesis, construction and proof are given. Selected problems which have been given in mathematical olympiads or proposed in short lists in IMO's are discussed. In addition, a number of problems proposed by leading mathematicians in the subject are included here. The book also contains new problems with their solutions. The scope of the publication of the present book is to teach mathematical thinking through Geometry and to provide inspiration for both students and teachers to formulate "positive" conjectures and provide solutions.

Problem-Solving Strategies Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

110 Geometry Problems for the International Mathematical Olympiads represents a collection of carefully selected geometry problems designed for passionate geometers and students preparing for the IMO. Assuming the theory and the techniques presented in 106 and 107, the book presents a multitude of beautiful synthetic solutions that are meant to give a sense of how one should think about difficult geometry problems. On average, each problem comes with at least two such solutions and with additional remarks about the underlying configuration. *A Mathematical Olympiad Approach* Springer Science & Business Media

A unique collection of competition problems from over twenty major national and international mathematical competitions for high school students. Written for trainers and participants of contests of all levels up to the highest level, this will appeal to high school teachers conducting a mathematics club who need a range of simple to complex problems and to those instructors wishing to pose a "problem of the week", thus bringing a creative atmosphere into the classrooms. Equally, this is a must-have for individuals interested in solving difficult and challenging problems. Each chapter starts with typical examples illustrating the central concepts and is followed by a number of carefully selected problems and their solutions. Most of the solutions are complete, but some merely point to the road leading to the final solution. In addition to being a valuable resource of mathematical problems and solution strategies, this is the most complete training book on the market.

U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiads, 1972-1986 Springer Science & Business Media

This is a challenging problem-solving book in Euclidean geometry, assuming nothing of the reader other than a good deal of courage. Topics covered included cyclic quadrilaterals, power of a point, homothety, triangle centers; along the way the reader will meet such classical gems as the nine-point circle, the Simson line, the symmedian and the mixtilinear incircle, as well as the theorems of Euler, Ceva, Menelaus, and Pascal. Another part is dedicated to the use of complex numbers and barycentric coordinates, granting the reader both a traditional and computational viewpoint of the material. The final part consists of some more advanced topics, such as inversion in the plane, the cross ratio and projective transformations, and the theory of the complete quadrilateral. The exposition is friendly and relaxed, and accompanied by over 300 beautifully drawn figures. The emphasis of this book is placed squarely on the problems. Each chapter contains carefully chosen worked examples, which explain not only the solutions to the problems but also describe in close detail how one would invent the solution to begin with. The text contains a selection of 300 practice problems of varying difficulty from contests around the world, with extensive hints and selected solutions. This book is especially suitable for students preparing for national or international mathematical olympiads or for teachers looking for a text for an honor class.

The USSR Olympiad Problem Book FriesenPress

Any high school student preparing for the American Mathematics Competitions should get their hands on a copy of this book! A major aspect of mathematical training and its benefit to society is the ability to use logic to solve problems. The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) have been given for more than fifty years to millions of high school students. This book considers the basic ideas behind the solutions to the majority of these problems, and presents examples and exercises from past exams to illustrate the concepts. Anyone taking the AMC exams or helping students prepare for them will find many useful ideas here. But people generally interested in logical problem solving should also find the problems and their solutions interesting. This book will promote interest in mathematics by providing students with the tools to attack problems that occur on mathematical problem-solving exams, and specifically to level the playing field for those who do not have access to the enrichment programs that are common at the top academic high schools. The book can

be used either for self-study or to give people who want to help students prepare for mathematics exams easy access to topic-oriented material and samples of problems based on that material. This is useful for teachers who want to hold special sessions for students, but it is equally valuable for parents who have children with mathematical interest and ability. As students' problem solving abilities improve, they will be able to comprehend more difficult concepts requiring greater mathematical ingenuity. They will be taking their first steps towards becoming math Olympians!

The IMO Compendium MAA Press

Contained here are solutions to challenging problems from algebra, geometry, combinatorics and number theory featured in the earlier book, together with selected questions (without solutions) from national and regional Olympiads given during the year 2000. Intended for the serious student/problem solver, these books can help to improve performance in the Mathematical Olympiad competition. However, for those not entering the competition, there is much to challenge any mathematician, even those with advanced degrees. Different nations have different mathematical cultures, so you will find that some of the questions are extremely difficult and some rather easy. There are a wide variety of problems especially from those countries that have often done well in the IMO. Anyone interested in mathematical problem solving will encounter some beautiful mathematics in the pages of this book. If you are up to a real challenge, take some of these problems on!

The Art and Craft of Problem Solving Oxford Science Publications
 Authored by a leading name in mathematics, this engaging and clearly presented text leads the reader through the tactics involved in solving mathematical problems at the Mathematical Olympiad level. With numerous exercises and assuming only basic mathematics, this text is ideal for students of 14 years and above in pure mathematics.

Mathematical Olympiad American Mathematical Soc.

This is a practical anthology of some of the best elementary problems in different branches of mathematics. Arranged by subject, the problems highlight the most common problem-solving techniques encountered in undergraduate mathematics. This book teaches the important principles and broad strategies for coping with the experience of solving problems. It has been

found very helpful for students preparing for the Putnam exam.

Moscow Mathematical Olympiads, 2000-2005 The Hard Mathematical Olympiad Problems and Their Solutions This book shows the approaches to solving many difficult Mathematical Olympiad and other international problems posted at the www.mathlinks.ro, the largest mathematical webpage that has most of the problems used to select the talented students of the world. At the time of this book's publication, the solutions to many of these problems are not yet available. This book is not only as much about methods of solving mathematical problems as it is about various approaches to solving the difficult problems in general. It is a first step in examining the creativity that goes into problem-solving. The real points of the book are the enumeration of problem-solving strategies and the tricks applied to solve the problems. The approaches in the book build understanding and not just methods in solving problems. This book is a must read for many math students and is useful for many teachers around the world. *Mathematical Olympiad Challenges*

Solutions to many of the world's Mathematical Olympiad problems to hone students' skills for competitions or simply to enhance their general mathematical knowledge. The problems include geometry, algebra, and calculus.

Mathematical Problems and Puzzles Xyz Press

Over 300 challenging problems in algebra, arithmetic, elementary number theory and trigonometry, selected from Mathematical Olympiads held at Moscow University. Only high school math needed. Includes complete solutions. Features 27 black-and-white illustrations. 1962 edition.

An Excursion through Elementary Mathematics, Volume I Springer
 The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is a competition for high school students. China has taken part in the IMO 21 times since 1985 and has won the top ranking for countries 14 times, with a multitude of golds for individual students. The six students China has sent every year were selected from 20 to 30 students among approximately 130 students who took part in the annual China Mathematical Competition during the winter months. This volume comprises a collection of original problems with solutions that China used to train their Olympiad team in the years from 2006 to 2008. Mathematical Olympiad problems with solutions for the years 2002-2006 appear in an earlier volume, *Mathematical Olympiad in China*.

Problems and Solutions Springer Science & Business Media

The book contains problems from the first 32 British Mathematical Olympiad (BMO) papers 1965-96 and gives hints and outline solutions to each problem from 1975 onwards. An overview is given of the basic mathematical skills needed, and a list of books for further reading is provided. Working through the exercises provides a valuable source of extension and enrichment for all pupils and adults interested in mathematics.

Selected Problems and Theorems of Elementary Mathematics American Mathematical Soc.

Now in its third decade, the Colorado Mathematical Olympiad (CMO), founded by the author, has become an annual state-wide competition, hosting many hundreds of middle and high school contestants each year. This book presents a year-by-year history of the CMO from 2004-2013 with all the problems from the competitions and their solutions. Additionally, the book includes 10 further explorations, bridges from solved Olympiad problems to 'real' mathematics, bringing young readers to the forefront of various fields of mathematics. This book contains more than just problems, solutions, and event statistics — it tells a compelling story involving the lives of those who have been part of the Olympiad, their reminiscences of the past and successes of the present. I am almost speechless facing the ingenuity and inventiveness demonstrated in the problems proposed in the third decade of these Olympics. However, equally impressive is the drive and persistence of the originator and living soul of them. It is hard for me to imagine the enthusiasm and commitment needed to work singlehandedly on such an endeavor over several decades. —Branko Grünbaum, University of Washington
 After decades of hunting for Olympiad problems, and struggling to create Olympiad problems, he has become an extraordinary connoisseur and creator of Olympiad problems. The Olympiad problems were very good, from the beginning, but in the third decade the problems have become extraordinarily good. Every brace of 5 problems is a work of art. The harder individual problems range in quality from brilliant to work-of-genius... The same goes for the "Further Explorations" part of the book. Great mathematics and mathematical questions are immersed in a sauce of fascinating anecdote and reminiscence. If you could have only one book to enjoy while stranded on a desert island, this would be a good choice. Like Gauss,

Alexander Soifer would not hesitate to inject Eureka! at the right moment. Like van der Waerden, he can transform a dispassionate exercise in logic into a compelling account of sudden insights and ultimate triumph. — Cecil Rousseau Chair, USA Mathematical Olympiad Committee
 A delightful feature of the book is that in the second part more related problems are discussed. Some of them are still unsolved. — Paul Erdős
 The book is a gold mine of brilliant reasoning with special emphasis on the power and beauty of coloring proofs. Strongly recommended to both serious and recreational mathematicians on all levels of expertise. — Martin Gardner
The Mathematical Olympiad Handbook Courier Corporation

The Hard Mathematical Olympiad Problems and Their Solutions
The Math Olympian Springer Science & Business Media
 "The IMO Compendium" is the ultimate collection of challenging high-school-level mathematics problems and is an invaluable resource not only for high-school students preparing for mathematics competitions, but for anyone who loves and appreciates mathematics. The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), nearing its 50th anniversary, has become the most popular and prestigious competition for high-school students interested in mathematics. Only six students from each participating country are given the honor of participating in this competition every year. The IMO represents not only a great opportunity to tackle interesting and challenging mathematics

problems, it also offers a way for high school students to measure up with students from the rest of the world. Until the first edition of this book appearing in 2006, it has been almost impossible to obtain a complete collection of the problems proposed at the IMO in book form. "The IMO Compendium" is the result of a collaboration between four former IMO participants from Yugoslavia, now Serbia and Montenegro, to rescue these problems from old and scattered manuscripts, and produce the ultimate source of IMO practice problems. This book attempts to gather all the problems and solutions appearing on the IMO through 2009. This second edition contains 143 new problems, picking up where the 1959-2004 edition has left off.