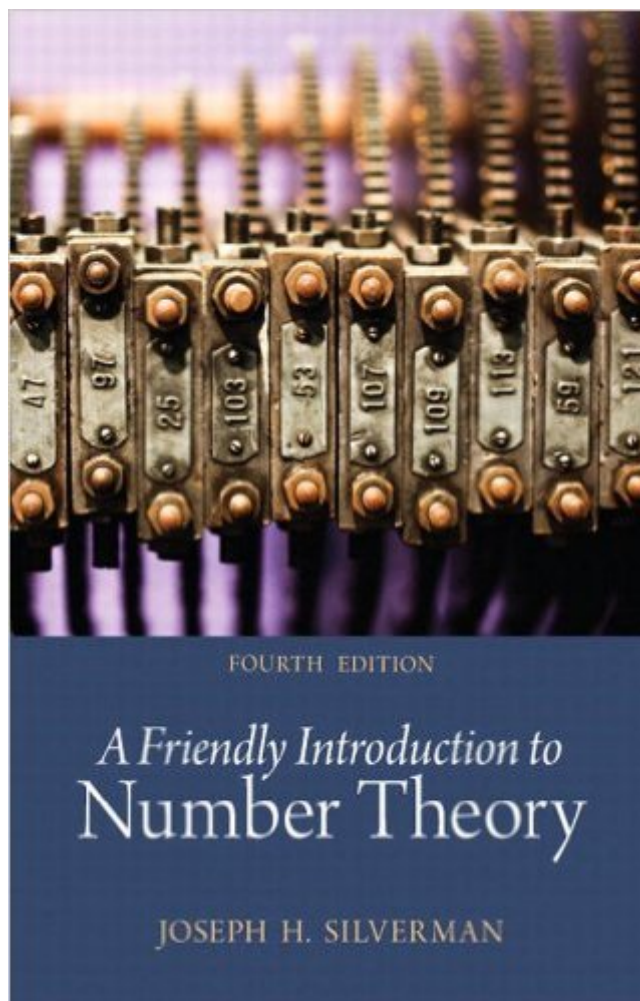


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I find the advertisement for this book deceptive because it doesn't mention that the book doesn't have answers to its exercises. It is possible for validated teachers to purchase the answers

separately, but the publishers prevent students from acquiring them! I have managed to view some of the answers given by the author from another source, and he gives fascinating long explanations from which there can be much valuable learning. The author claims on page 3 that the book is also intended, "for an independent study or reading course." I find that to be untrue because someone doing independent study, like me, is crippled without the interesting techniques in the answers.

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I had to buy this for an undergraduate course in number theory. The prose is excellent, humorous, and entertaining, and the proofs are clear and concise. Definitely recommended. After reading this book, I was hooked on the field.

I just bought this book yesterday and I'm already addicted to it! Unlike usual math textbooks, which just give definitions and proofs, this book has a friendly conversational style. I think it's a great introduction to number theory.

I had to buy this for an undergraduate number theory course. It's well-named: a friendly introduction to a pretty interesting field of mathematics. Well-written and accessible, this book also moves fairly quickly and includes challenging exercises.

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