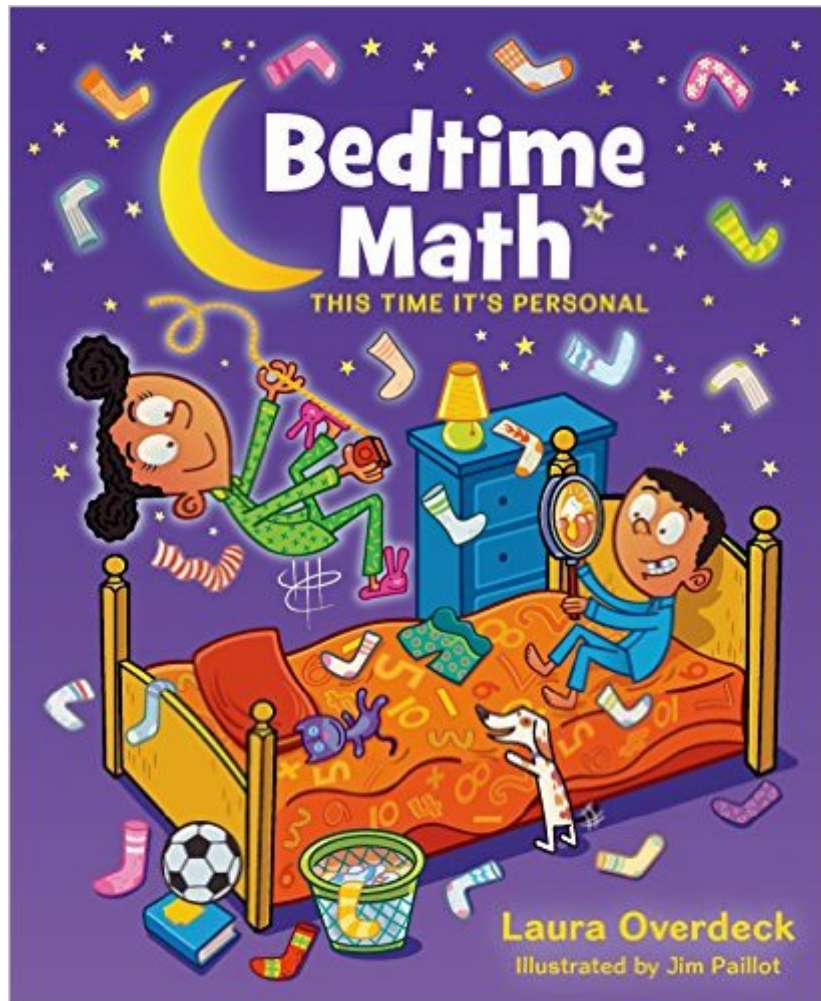


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# Bedtime Math: This Time It's Personal (Bedtime Math Series)



## Synopsis

"We want kids to feel about math the way they feel about dessert after dinner." —Laura Overdeck, Time magazine  
Our mission: to make math a fun part of kids' everyday lives. In, *Bedtime Math: This Time It's Personal*, families will find fun, mischief-making math problems that kids can't wait to figure out. With over 100 math riddles on topics from pillow forts and sneeze speeds to overfed pets and underwear, kids will find math isn't just fun, it can be found in their everyday lives. And with three different levels of challenge (Wee ones, Little kids, and Big kids), plus a brand-new Bonus question, there's something for everyone. Just as we all love stories before bedtime, families will find math is equally as fun and engaging. Many generations — kids and parents included — have been intimidated by math, but *Bedtime Math* is here to change all. We can make numbers fun, and change the world, one *Bedtime Math* puzzle at a time.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My 8 year old daughter loves the fact that this one has a bonus question for each problem. The first book only had three questions for each story. This one has four. Great series! I hope they make more! The difficulty seems to cover up to third grade math (multiplication, division, and fractions). The simplest questions are basic addition and subtraction. The word problem format is fun!

Laura Overdeck and Jim Paillot have done it again! They have put together a rip-roaringly-fun

collection of (gasp!) math problems. Their secret, the math is mixed up with fun factoids and even funnier illustrations that have kids (and any adult lucky enough to be reading along) begging to turn the page to read the next one! From enumerating kneecaps to slurping spaghetti, from five imaginary eyeballs to wishing for snaps on socks, the mood is irreverent but the math is first-rate. No pages of equations here. The numbers themselves are uncomplicated. These problems often don't even require pencil and paper. Instead the four math queries on each page (for "wee ones" "little kids" "big kids" and "bonus") just require a bit of "think." In an era when everyone has a calculator on their smart phone but many cannot calculate a tip without it, when many people are "math phobic" or just say they are "terrible at math," Bedtime Math accomplishes something very important...it gets kids of all ages (from 2 to 102) to play with math...and find out that math is fun! Our kids need math to succeed in school, in careers, and in everyday life...Bedtime Math gets them off to a very good start. This is a great collection to keep on hand anytime you have 5 minutes to spare...share!

My 4 year old son loves this book! We bought the first one and never got all the way through it. It was fun but did not grab him the way "2" did. My son could not get enough of it. The concept of making it personal is fantastic and begs to be revisited. My son is not a "natural" but he flew through "2" in record time. (We never made it all the way through "1" but I bought the second book thinking the concept might pop for him and it was a good gamble.) We do the "wee ones" and "little ones" problems. We got through the book in a week. Another reviewer said that "2" was dumbed down. It may well be easier but the feelings of competence and confidence that the easier problems have given my son have made the learning journey all the more pleasurable and have bolstered his confidence and made him want to attempt problems that are more difficult. I hope I can excite him about re-reading "2" and giving "1" another try. I strongly encourage Ms. Overdeck to make "3" "personal" as well. The material is endless. I am grateful to Ms. Overdeck and Bedtime Math 2 for helping me to introduce my son to math in a way that he finds fun and palatable.

Astonishingly, my three-year-old really loves this. I'm not really sure why, since it seems to be geared towards older kids, but she does. She asks for it all the time, even though we've already read through it multiple times. Each page is set up the same way: a cute discussion of something that a kid can relate to (say, sneezing, or bones, or pets), followed by five questions in increasing levels of difficulty. She's able to handle the easiest questions, and some of the level two questions. I'm not sure how much math she's learning from these, since the questions at her level are mostly just about counting. Hopefully she will stay interested in it long enough to start handling the more

advanced questions. Strongly recommend this book to parents who want math to be a normal, non-scary part of their kids lives. Which should be all parents.

The introduction to this book talks about how in order to change the conversation about math in our culture, we need to present math to kids in a "fun framework." This book (and its predecessor) more than deliver. Problem solving is wrapped up with fun factoids on topics that kids find fascinating--the body (how many bones do we have), personal bests (how fast we can run), how the potato chip was invented, how fast we sneeze, etc. Clever illustrations help set just the right goofy tone. There are three different levels to each problem, a bonus section (which appears to be a new addition!) and an equation chart at that back. Fun for parents as well as their kids!

We loved the original book so much (see my review there) that my son used his birthday gift card to buy this second book! These are great books. The stories are engaging and often funny. The illustrations are great too. Most importantly, it does a wonderful job getting kids interested in math. Our 6-year old often picks up this book and is so very proud when he can answer even the more advanced questions (there are 3 levels of difficulty). For every question, we have our child explain how he came up with the answer and then we discuss the mathematical notation. Is it worth getting this book when you can just download the free app? Yes, it is. It is nice for the kids to have something tangible and to see the numbers on paper. We use both the book and the app and our child loves both.

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