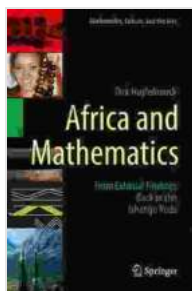


From Colonial Findings Back to the Ishango Rods: Unraveling the Lost Knowledge of Mathematics, Culture, and the Arts

In the annals of human history, the African continent has been a cradle of civilization, a birthplace of profound knowledge and innovation. Yet, much of this rich heritage has been obscured or erased by the veil of colonialism. One such obscured treasure is the Ishango Rods, a set of enigmatic bone artifacts discovered in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1950. These rods, adorned with intricate notches and markings, have ignited a fierce debate among scholars, sparking a quest to decipher their true purpose and significance.

This book, "From Colonial Findings Back to the Ishango Rods: Mathematics, Culture, and the Arts," is an invitation to embark on an extraordinary journey of rediscovery. Through a meticulous examination of the Ishango Rods and their broader cultural context, we will piece together the fragmented puzzle of our forgotten past.



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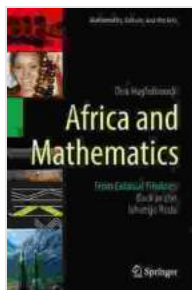
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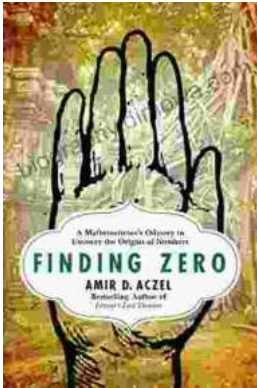
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