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In this book Kline examines the development of mathematics as our most powerful instrument for exploring the physical world. He probes our existing world of mathematics and illuminates its workings as a science enabling us to penetrate the secrets of the world's natural phenomena.

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Greg Givan says

His "Mathematics in Western Culture" is still the one to read.

Jordan says

I really enjoyed the author's commentary on epistemology, but he didn't opine nearly enough. Instead, like every other "history" of a science book, a large portion of writing was devoted to a summary of the last few hundred years of logical tinkering. Of course, a bit of this is necessary for context but a full three-quarters is overdoing it. He falters as the story, he relates; but soars when he conversates!

Paul says

Science started out as an investigation of nature, of reality. It has failed, and will fail, to understand reality, and nature. But it has succeeded in exploiting nature, thanks almost exclusively to "humanity's most powerful tool," mathematics.

Brett says

I really had to fight to finish this. I enjoyed it but it is not light, easy reading. The conversation was interesting at times and he gives a good look into some interesting aspects of the history of mathematics.
