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Srinivasa Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician who lived during the early 20th century. Despite having no formal training in mathematics, he made groundbreaking contributions to the field, particularly in the areas of number theory and analysis.

Ramanujan was born in Erode, India, in 1887. He showed an early aptitude for mathematics, but his family was poor and could not afford to send him

to a university. Instead, Ramanujan studied mathematics on his own, using textbooks and journals that he borrowed from libraries.

In 1911, Ramanujan sent a letter to G.H. Hardy, a prominent British mathematician, containing a number of his theorems and conjectures. Hardy was impressed by Ramanujan's work and invited him to come to Cambridge University. Ramanujan arrived in Cambridge in 1914 and began to collaborate with Hardy on a series of mathematical papers.

Ramanujan's work in number theory was particularly groundbreaking. He made important discoveries about the distribution of prime numbers and the properties of modular forms. He also developed a number of new methods for solving mathematical problems.

Ramanujan's work had a major impact on the development of mathematics. He is considered one of the greatest mathematicians of all time. His work has been used to solve a number of important problems in mathematics and physics.

Ramanujan died in 1920 at the age of 32. He left behind a legacy of groundbreaking work that continues to be studied by mathematicians today.

Ramanujan's Notebooks

One of the most important sources of Ramanujan's work is his notebooks. These notebooks contain over 3,900 theorems and conjectures, many of which are still being studied by mathematicians today.

The notebooks are written in a highly idiosyncratic style, and they are often difficult to decipher. However, they also contain a wealth of brilliant ideas.

Hardy once said that the notebooks were "the most original work in the whole history of mathematics."

Legacy

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Ramanujan's work continues to be studied by mathematicians today. His notebooks are a source of inspiration for mathematicians around the world. Ramanujan's legacy is a testament to the power of human ingenuity. He showed that it is possible to make groundbreaking contributions to mathematics, even without formal training.
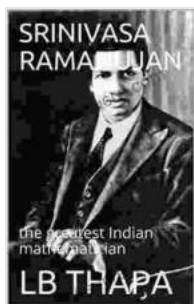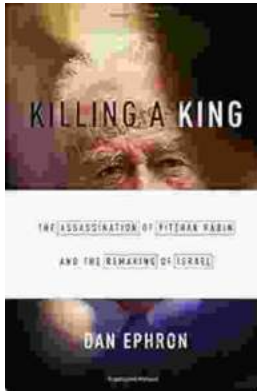
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