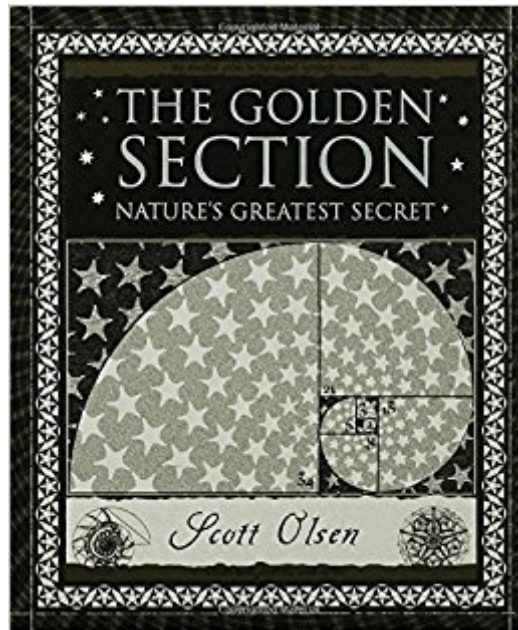




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The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret (Wooden Books)



Synopsis

A concise and useful handbook on the Golden Section--also known as the Golden Ratio and Golden Mean. The Golden Section is a line segment divided into two parts, such that the ratio of the short portion to the longer portion is equal to the ratio of the longer portion to the whole. It is one of the most elegant and beautiful ratios of the mathematical universe because of its combination of elegance and simplicity--hence the divine nature of its name. Drawing on art, architecture, philosophy, nature, mathematics, geometry, and music--and beautifully illustrated in the Wooden Books fashion with all manner of images--The Golden Section will tell the story of this remarkable construction and its wide ranging impact on civilization and the natural world.

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Dr. Olsen is one of the leading experts on the Golden Section, and an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Religion at College of Central Florida in Ocala, Florida. His new book, due out in 2018, is Divine Proportion: the Golden Ratio's Mathematical Perfection of the Universe.

Great history and explanation of the golden section. However, even the author admits that some people go crazy fitting things into the golden section or the pentagram/pentagon template. You can take a photo of almost anything in the world and superimpose a pentagon on it--that doesn't mean the world is ruled by the golden section. Yes, 98% of plants follow the Fibonacci number sequence. Which *is* pretty weird/cool. Some of the other stuff is over reaching.

Hooray for Fibonacci! Certainly one of the funnest mathematical truths to get young minds contemplating. Wooden Books publishing has developed a great 1 page, with an accompanying illustration page, at a time approach to explaining all kinds of natural occurrence and phenomena. I recommend you become as addicted as I am to their complete list of books!

you can buy a few books together by purchasing the book "designa" which contains 6 books, one of them is this one.

Beautiful LITTLE book.

This is a beautiful small book, Drawn in all black and white it looks both ancient and modern, a lovely approach to timeless truth! Since it's a small book it doesn't attempt to show a comprehensive collection of how many places The Golden Section shows up. What it does show is very clearly presented. I feel refreshed every time I go through it! I think I cherish it.

I loved this little book and also bought a copy for my dad, who's read about 5 books on pi and didn't have a clue about phi. There's a saying, "Phi is an H of a lot cooler than pi," and I believe it. This crazy number, the Golden Ratio, is so intertwined throughout the universe, in nature, in mathematics, in everything, that I can't see why my math teachers didn't mention this to me back in high school. The author does a great job at presenting it in small bites to those who haven't seen much on phi before. Plus, I love the little artworks on each page that accompany the lessons. This book probably wouldn't add much for someone already well-versed on phi, but for a moderate or newcomer it's terrific. It's also a perfect bathroom book, since you can immerse yourself for about 300 words and then contemplate that for a day.

If you have a science student they know about the Golden Ratio & Sacred Geometry. I bought this and another of the "wooden books" for my nephew who graduated University. He loved them and was happy to bring them to his new apartment and new life.

What is convenient about this little book is that the sections are only two pages at a time - one page of writing and the other a picture or diagram. This allows one to skip around or even go back to reinforce individual ideas at a time. Because of this brevity, I also felt that some knowledge that I was expecting to retain was absent. For 7 bucks or whatever it was, its definitely worth it and you

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