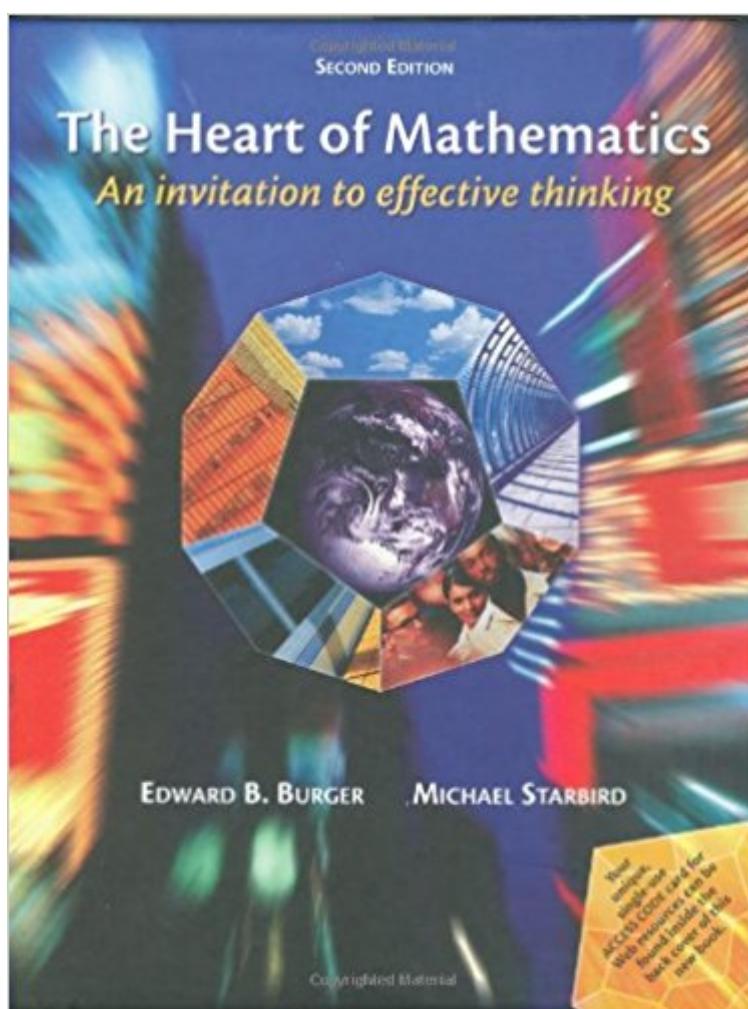


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Not very detailed but , good.

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Thanks

This book isn't like any other math book I've ever used. It's an exercise in critical and creative thinking, while using math as the foundation of its principles. Math should be taught this way in schools. I am sure the performance of our population would skyrocket if math teachers understood how to engage their students these ways.

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