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Books featuring STEM-field main characters prove: science + steamy = one HOT equation

April 27th, 2022 (Portland, OR): Written by a woman mathematician with a background in journalism and fiction, Josie Juniper's *An Exhaustive Proof of Love* is a hilarious, angsty, high-steam romance revealing how—like numbers—love can be irrational, complex, real.

“I’ve always been drawn to characters who are charming and intelligent, but deeply flawed,” says Juniper. “When someone is their own worst enemy, it makes not only for great narrative tension, but a high level of relatability—it’s a struggle most people share. If love is the oldest story, redemption might be the second oldest. As an 80s goth, I can’t resist bringing the angst, but I love combining it with huge laughs and open-door spice that’d make your mom blush.”

Josie Juniper has worked in many industries from the wholesome to the scandalous, but has spent most of her time in mathematics and writing for small press. She’s been a staff writer and/or editor for four publications, and has won local awards for her sharp, funny, iconoclastic writing. She lives in Portland, OR with her husband and a menagerie of quirky animals including rescue turkeys. She loves writing, rain, swearing, lost causes, tattoos, and prime numbers.

Prickly, pink-haired mathematician Edyth meets irrationally handsome engineer Lawson at a number theory conference, and writes him off as a smug playboy “who should be processed into

pepperoni snacks for dogs.” The pair repeatedly find themselves at odds, until one devastating dare of a kiss... which sets off a shocking sequence of twists and turns, as Edyth and Lawson are thrown together in a break-all-the-rules clash of wills.

Add an impulsive job relocation, divide by a creepy new boss who might be a pyromaniac, and multiply the laughs with a best friend who’s the life of the party (but turns out to be a terrible fake-wife), and you have the formula for this year’s compulsively readable STEM rom-com.

Edyth wants an elegant proof that love isn’t a sucker’s game. Lawson wants to exhaust her between the sheets. Together, could they be more than the sum of their parts?

“I think I’ve highlighted a favorite quote at least once per page. These two are ridiculously good together.” – Kimberley Hunt, Revision Division

“I started this book while I was waiting in the dentist’s office, and laughed so much people were giving me strange looks.” – Sophie Penhaligon, author of *Safety in Numbers*

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