Martin Gardner

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POPULARIZATION OF MATHEMATICS

“Gardner brought more math to more millions than anyone else” - Richard Guy.

With clarity and enthusiasm, Gardner brought complex theorems and mathematical constructions to a wide audience.

Through his publications, Gardner made familiar names like John Conway (The Game of Life), Raymond Smullyan (Logic), Roger Penrose (Tilings), Escher (Visual Art) and Mandelbrot (Fractals). Gardner’s column in Scientific American from 1956-1981 even inspired several cover designs. He published over 70 books on subjects ranging from recreational mathematics, philosophy, and magic, to novels and an annotated edition of Alice in Wonderland.