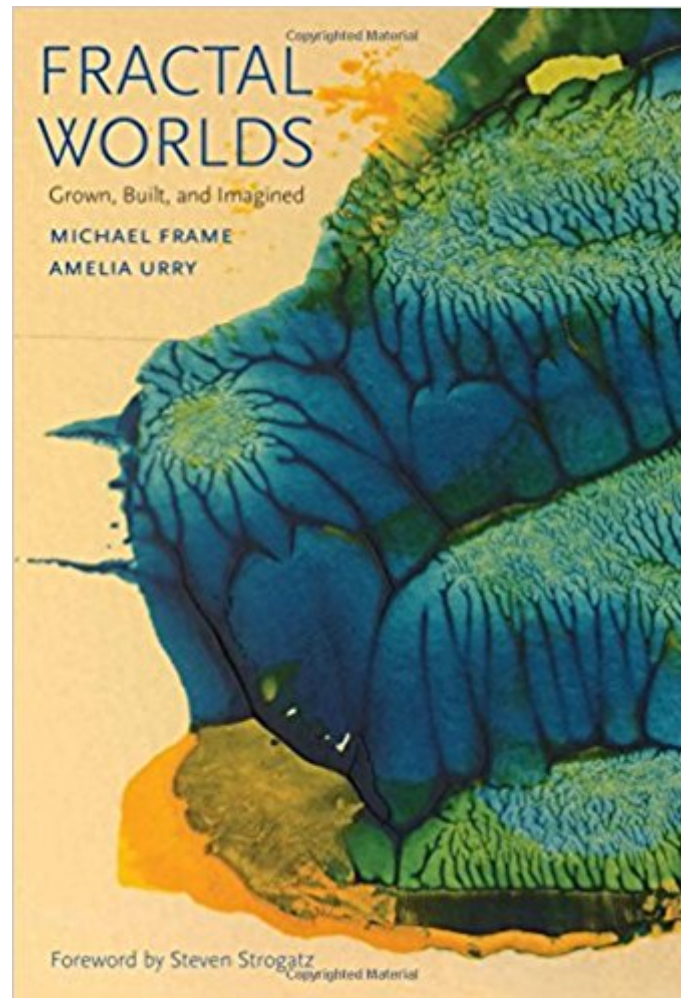




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Michael Frame taught mathematics at Yale University for twenty years. Amelia Urry is a journalist and poet.

A gift for a much more maths inclined friend; it had plenty of little pictures in it at any rate and they seemed pleased to receive it.

Michael Frame, a professor at Yale University and collaborator with Benoit Mandelbrot for over 20 years, has co-authored a brilliant book with Amelia Urry, that will have you happily dancing down the spiral-like path of fractal mathematics. Michael has an amazing gift for taking the complex worlds of fractal transformations and making bite sized candy pieces. Even something as eye-boggling as the Mandelbrot set is broken down into simple easy to follow steps. -- He has a charming habit of using his pet cats as models and commentary. -- A recipient of the DeVane award for outstanding undergraduate teaching, he draws from all areas of human experience to demonstrate the fundamental relations of fractals to nature, human or otherwise. The book includes examples from literature, art, biology, geology, and astronomy-- making it accessible to nearly everyone, budding mathematician or not. And if you are a budding mathematician, it does not disappoint! The text is very complete thorough review of fractals as we know them, with hints of what we may yet discover.

Reflecting the wide ranging spectrum of fractals in mathematics, science, technology, art, and engineering, the authors have produced a 'must have' for anyone with curiosity with this fascinating topic. While some of the math will be tough going for those not so inclined, all they have to do is turn the page for a different and well written explanation of a different fractal application. Fun! Not since Mandelbrot's FRACTAL GEOMETRY OF NATURE and Barnsley's FRACTALS EVERYWHERE has there been such a definitive and essential book on fractals. Richly illustrated.

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