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Julia a life in mathematics

Constance Reid

Constance Reid, an established writer about mathematicians, has written an excellent and loving book, about her sister Julia Robinson, the mathematician. The author has written that she wants the book to be one for all age groups and she has succeeded admirably in making it so... Julia wanted to be known as a mathematician, not a woman mathematician and rightly so! However, she was, and is, a wonderful role model for women aspiring to be mathematician. What a great gift this book would be!

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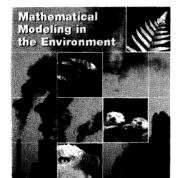
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