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?M. Jayne Fleener, *Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School*, February 2007

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exceptionally engaging treatment of Gauss' life and accomplishments spiced up here and there with just the right amount of mathematics; particularly suitable for young readers.

?Philip J. Davis, November 2005

In this book, young readers are transported back two centuries to the candlelit world of Carl Friedrich Gauss. M.B.W. Tent's charming tale follows Gauss from his working-class boyhood to the heights of European mathematics-a Horatio Algebra story if ever there was one.

?William Dunham, November 2005

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