

## Some Great Problem Solving Books

Note: There are many more in the more general area of mathematical problem solving. Please ask or email me if you would like further recommendations.

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Title	Author(s)	Subjects, comments
<i>Guesstimation: Solving the World's Problems on the Back of a Cocktail Napkin</i>	Adam, John	Great introduction to estimation, powers of ten, units and unit conversions, orders of magnitude and grasping the essentials of an applied problem. Problems are small enough that they can be covered in a typical class period or less. Source of the STI 2011 hair length and area filled by the world's population problems.
<i>A Mathematical Nature Walk</i>	Adam, John	More advanced, nature-oriented applied problems than in <i>Guesstimation</i> .
<i>Consider a Spherical Cow</i>	Harte, John	Environmentally oriented applied math problems
<i>Consider a Cylindrical Cow</i>	Harte, John	Environmentally oriented applied math problems
<i>Ants, Bikes, and Clocks: Problem Solving for Undergraduates</i>	Briggs, William	General mathematical problem solving
<i>Modeling the Environment</i>	Ford, Andrew	Modeling environmental problems, using systems dynamics models with STELLA or Vensim (free). Some agent-based modeling covered as well.
<i>Towing Icebergs, Falling Dominoes, and Other Adventures in Applied Mathematics</i>	Banks, Robert	More advanced applied mathematics problem solving
<i>Slicing Pizzas, Racing Turtles, and Further Adventures in Applied Mathematics</i>	Banks, Robert	More advanced applied mathematics problem solving
<i>Mathematical Circles: Russian Experience</i>	Fomin, et al	Great basic and not-so-basic mathematical problem solving
<i>The Art and Craft of Problem Solving</i>	Zeitz, Paul	More advanced mathematical problem solving
<i>Introduction to Computational Science: Modeling and Simulation for the Sciences</i>	Shiflet and Shiflet	Computational science text using most major tools ( <i>Mathematica</i> , Maple, Vensim, STELLA, Excel, and others).
<i>Introduction to Scientific Programming: Computational Problem Solving using MATHEMATICA and C</i>	Zachary, Joe	Very accessible computational science text using two tools, <i>Mathematica</i> and C.