

# BOOK REVIEWS

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This book is the proceedings of the **Eugene Strens Memorial Conference on Recreational Mathematics and its History** held at the University of Calgary in August 1986 to celebrate the founding of the Strens Collection which is now the most complete library of recreational mathematics in the world.

I had been invited to attend this conferences but unfortunately had a previous committment. To make up for missing this conference, the next best thing was reviewing this proceedings book which on doing so made me realize what I had missed, for example, some very interesting talks plus getting together with the leading practitioners of recreational mathematics, some of whom were long time colleagues.

One does not normally include a list of contents in a book review, but by doing so, it will give the reader a good indication of the wealth of recreational material here . So if you have any interest in recreational mathematics, this is a book for you. And even if you do not have such an interest, reading this book may give you one.

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**Postscript:**

There is a typographical error in Andy Liu's article on page 206. The number of tetrominoes is **five** and not four. This is corrected in the reprint of this article as Appendix C in the new edition of Golomb's "Polyominoes".

