

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

**Ian Stewart** FRS first came to Warwick University as a PhD student in 1967, joining the academic staff two years later. He is now Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at Warwick and a leading populariser of mathematics. He is author or coauthor of over 200 research papers on pattern formation, chaos, network dynamics, and biomathematics. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Society since 2001, and recently served on Council, its governing body, for three years. He has five honorary doctorates and is an honorary wizard of Unseen University on Terry Pratchett's fictional Discworld.

He has published more than 120 books including *Why Beauty is Truth*, *Professor Stewart's Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities*, *Calculating the Cosmos*, *Significant Figures*, and the four-volume series *The Science of Discworld* with Terry Pratchett and Jack Cohen. He has also written the science fiction novels *Wheelers* and *Heaven* with Jack Cohen, and *The Living Labyrinth* and *Rock Star* with Tim Poston.

He wrote the Mathematical Recreations column for *Scientific American* from 1990 to 2001. His 90 television appearances include the 1997 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures for the BBC. In one lecture he brought a live tiger into the lecture room, and in another he vanished in a puff of smoke after demonstrating time travel using a wormhole. He has made over 450 radio broadcasts, most of them about mathematics for the general public, and has delivered hundreds of public lectures on mathematics, including the Queen's Lecture in Berlin. He was Gresham Professor of Geometry at Gresham College, London from 1994 to 1998, delivering six public lectures each year.

His awards include the Royal Society's Faraday Medal, the Gold Medal of the Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications, the Zeeman Medal (IMA and London Mathematical Society), the Lewis Thomas Prize (Rockefeller University), the Euler Book Prize (Mathematical Association of America), and the Bloody Stupid Johnson Award (Discworld Convention).