



Archimedes of Syracuse: The Chest of Ideas (Hardback)

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1st World Publishing, United States, 2009. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 157 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In the summer of 1499 Leonardo di Vinci is hired by Cesare Borgia as a military engineer. Leonardo begins to work on a steam canon that had originally been an idea of Archimedes of Syracuse some 1500 years earlier. Cesare invites Leonardo to his headquarters for dinner to learn more about Archimedes. He soon discovers that Leonardo seems to know a great deal about Archimedes. Leonardo has in his possession a wooden chest filled with drawings and ideas from Archimedes. In the course of the evening, Leonardo tells Cesare all about the life of Archimedes. With the help of documents from the chest, Leonardo tells the story of Archimedes of Syracuse, and how he made many discoveries in mathematics and science. Archimedes determined the true value of pi (3.14159) before the concept of a zero was understood. He discovered the laws of levers, equilibrium, and buoyancy. He invented many machines including war machines that held the might of the Roman army at bay for a year. At the request of his king, Archimedes visits Alexandria and...



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