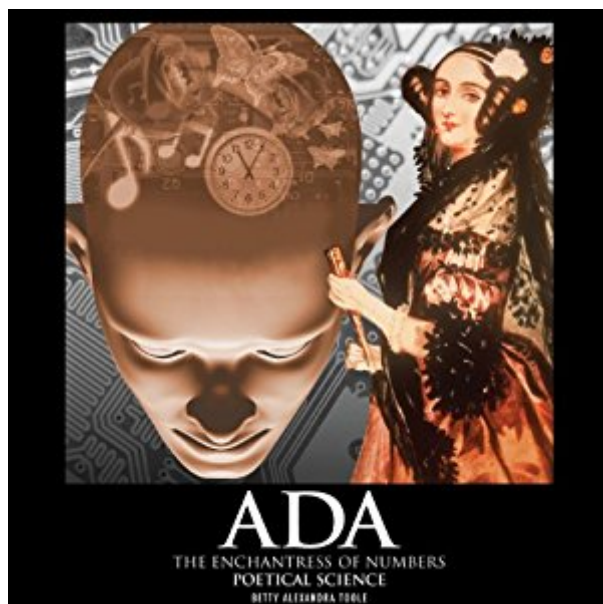


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# Ada, The Enchantress Of Numbers: Poetical Science



## Synopsis

Ada Byron, Lady Lovelace, was one of the first to write programs for, and predict the impact of, Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine in 1843. Beautiful and charming, she was often characterized as "mad and bad," as was her illustrious father. This audiobook edition, *Ada, the Enchantress of Numbers: Poetical Science*, emphasizes Ada's unique talent of integrating imagination, poetry and science. This edition includes all of Ada's fascinating letters to Charles Babbage, 55 pictures, and footnotes that encourages the reader to follow Ada's pathway to the 21st century.

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent that this book is now out in Kindle format. This is a series of letters between Ada and Charles Babbage, giving insight on how they viewed his computer technology (mechanical) and the uses it could be put to.

This book gives a nice overview of Ada Lovelace's life through her own words in her letters. The author gives enough background to give a full view of her life. Ada was an impressive and inspirational person.

This is a fascinating work of research and writing. Betty Alexandra Toole is the authority on the life and story of Ada Byron Lovelace. She has used original source material in her biography. The book is far more than a standard biography as it includes correspondence written by Ada across her short life. She was a prolific writer as well as serious student of mathematics and the scientific advances

of her time. I can't think of any other book that has given me a better understanding of an important and complex historical figure. Ada Lovelace is well known and celebrated in Great Britain, but is less well known in the US. She is celebrated as the first computer "programmer" as she understood that a computing machine could be instructed to perform multiple functions on a data set. She foresaw the possibility of machines manipulating any values that could be numerically represented such as musical tones, or colors. Unfortunately, she had a short life and painful death from cancer. There has been much speculation about her mental health and use of medications that affected her emotional and mental stability. Thanks to the skill and enormous contribution of the author to this project, it is more likely that Ada's story and legacy will be kept alive to be shared with young women as part of the history of technology and computing. I have great admiration for the author and recommend this work to anyone interested in the history of women in mathematics and technology.

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