



Turing (A Novel About Computation) (Hardback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2003. Hardback. Book Condition: New. New.. 203 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Our hero is Turing, an interactive tutoring program and namesake (or virtual emanation?) of Alan Turing, World War II code breaker and father of computer science. In this unusual novel, Turing s idiosyncratic version of intellectual history from a computational point of view unfolds in tandem with the story of a love affair involving Ethel, a successful computer executive, Alexandros, a melancholy archaeologist, and Ian, a charismatic hacker. After Ethel (who shares her first name with Alan Turing s mother) abandons Alexandros following a sundrenched idyll on Corfu, Turing appears on Alexandros s computer screen to unfurl a tutorial on the history of ideas. He begins with the philosopher-mathematicians of ancient Greece -- discourse, dialogue, argument, proof.can only thrive in an egalitarian society -- and the Arab scholar in ninth-century Baghdad who invented algorithms; he moves on to many other topics, including cryptography and artificial intelligence, even economics and developmental biology. (These lessons are later critiqued amusingly and developed further in postings by a fictional newsgroup in the book s afterword.) As Turing s lectures progress, the lives of...



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