

he did write. But, as I've indicated, I don't think much of it, so I've tried to express some of the excitement I feel about research in this field. The real danger in writing a book is that you can turn people off and conceal the enthusiasm that workers in the subject have. I hope I've counteracted that a little.

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Forming and studying mathematical models and talking about forming and studying mathematical models are both quite fashionable right now. While the activity of model building (the forming and studying) has no doubt been