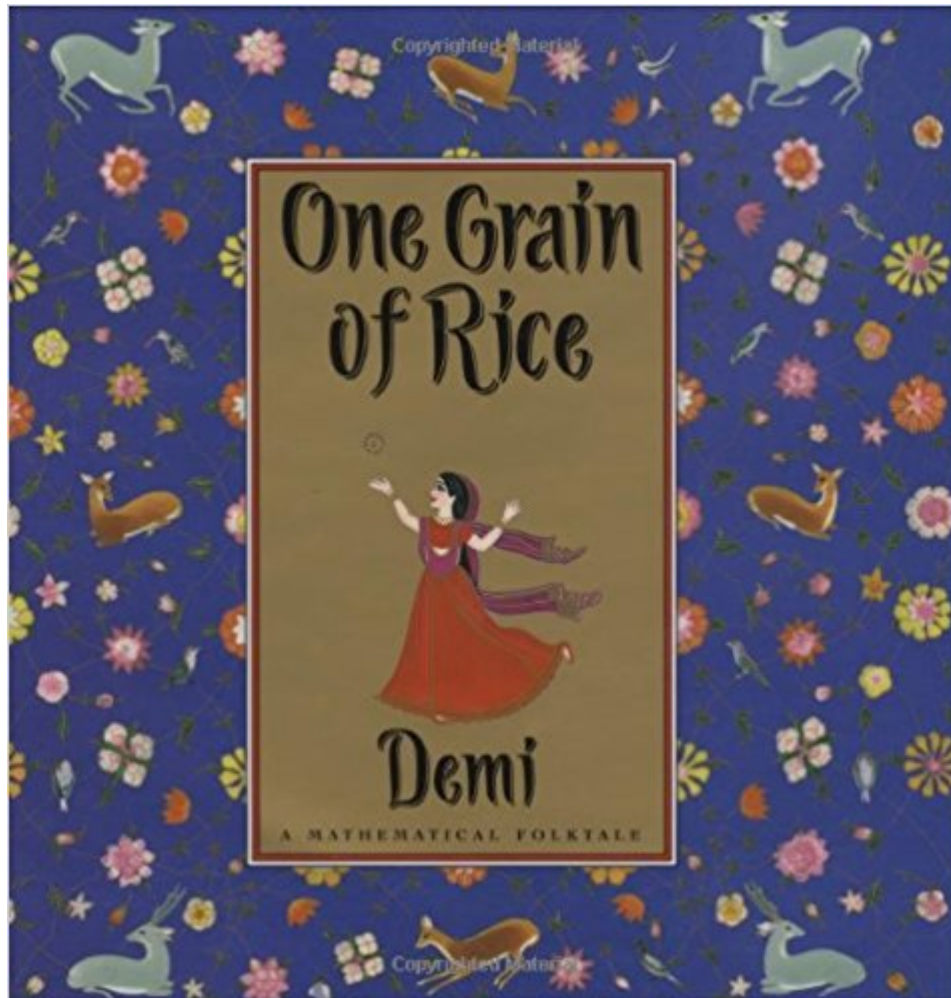




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# One Grain Of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale



## Synopsis

A village girl outsmarts a selfish king by asking him to double a portion of rice every day for 30 days in order to feed the hungry.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Exotic, beautiful, and instructive, this "mathematical folktale" by author-illustrator Demi emerged from her love of India. The narrative and the evocative illustrations combine to create a real sense of the culture and atmosphere of this romantic land. It's the story of Rani, a clever girl who outsmarts a very selfish raja and saves her village. When offered a reward for a good deed, she asks only for one grain of rice, doubled each day for 30 days. Remember your math? That's lots of rice: enough to feed a village for a good long time--and to teach a greedy raja a lesson.

Grade 1-4. A resourceful village girl outsmarts a greedy raja, turning a reward of one grain of rice into a feast for a hungry nation. Delicate paintings emblazoned with touches of gold give this Indian folktale an exotic air. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

One of my favorite picture books. I love the illustrations. So, I'm a math teacher, and I read this book to my students today. I teach high school. We're studying exponents and patterns. This was so

much fun! After reading the book, we got to talk about what patterns the learners noticed, and discussed exponential growth and how sneaky it is. I mean, halfway through Rani's month, she still only had a few bags of rice.

Excellent story about doubling numbers with sweet illustrations. It shows how large numbers can become in just a few iterations. It can also be a conversation about greed, because seriously - who needs that much rice?

This is a brilliant book. Both in the concept and the artwork. I recommend this for anyone with children or students. Beautifully done.

I am a fan of "A Mighty Girl" and found this book through their listings and recommendations. I bought it for my granddaughter's fourth birthday because it is about an ordinary girl, not a princess. It is a wonderful folktale based on the importance of standing up for yourself and your community and being willing to do great things by taking a first step toward your convictions. The great math lesson is a bonus! The book is beautifully illustrated and of good quality. I look forward to reading it with my granddaughter for years to come.

I'm a guidance counselor. I read this to kids from 1st to 5th grade, and they absolutely love it. I ask kids for guesses as to how much rice she'll end up with when she explains the deal to the Raja. Kids say "200" or "1,000", and are stunned at the power of exponents. Math teachers love the book too. More than anything, I appreciate this book because it helps explain to kids that their accumulated efforts, starting in elementary school, will add up to something amazing over time.

My second year old and I love this book. We took it to his class to read and the whole group of them was entranced. It teaches about the power of doubling in a fascinating book with beautiful artwork. A refreshing change from the usual run of the mill kids' books with their tired story lines and juvenile artwork. Truly a beautiful book and a fascinating story.

The pictures are amazingly beautiful, but what both of my kids (5 y.o. boy and 3 y.o. girl) enjoy are the very very large numbers that we reach... over 1 billion!! Before reading this book, my son was astounded by one hundred. Oh, and yes, he loves counting all (and I mean ALL) the animals on the pages (e.g. 32 brahma bulls, 256 elephants). That means reading WILL take a little while, but it's all

worth it to see their face while nearing the final page when Dari reaches a billion grains of rice!!  
ENJOY!!

Love using this story to teach/reteach exponents and illustrate how easily debts grow exponentially.  
A fable for all ages.

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