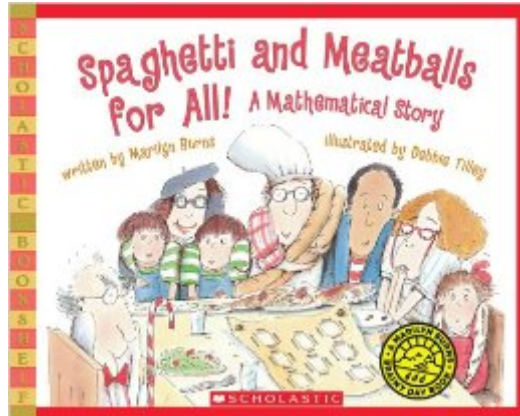


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# Spaghetti And Meatballs For All! (Scholastic Bookshelf: Math Skills)



## Synopsis

Kids will exercise their early math skills with this bestselling picture book--now available in Scholastic Bookshelf! Mr. and Mrs. Comfort are having a family reunion! Mr. Comfort starts cooking up his famous spaghetti and meatballs, while Mrs. Comfort carefully arranges eight tables and thirty-two chairs so that everyone will have a seat. The tables look lovely, the food is ready, and here come the guests--with their own seating plans! This delightful Marilyn Burns Brainy Day Book uses wit and humor to draw children into thinking about area and perimeter.

## Book Information

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Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (49 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Ah! If spatial relations had been taught like this when we were all young, everyone would be fluent mathematically. Instead of all those problems about two trains rushing towards one another, this book takes a practical problem and uses it to illuminate spatial problem-solving. Mr. and Mrs. Comfort decide to invite their family and neighbors over for dinner. Pretty soon, 30 people have accepted so they will be feeding 32, including themselves. In a role reversal from the sexual stereotypes, Mr. Comfort is the cook and impractical one while Mrs. Comfort is the left-brained problem solver. She knows what needs to be done, but everyone else has to work it out for themselves by moving the furniture around. Mrs. Comfort figures out that they don't have enough tables and chairs for this

many people. So she rents some. She correctly figures out that 8 tables seating four people each will do the trick (8 times 4). She rents 8 tables and 32 chairs (but they deliver only 31, and she has to find an extra folding chair). All is well, until the guests start to arrive. They don't want to sit at separate tables. They want to eat at one big table so they can be closer to everyone else. That creates a problem. Each time two tables for four are put together, two places are lost (you now have only two ends, while you had four before with separate tables). That's not immediately obvious to the guests, because most of the chairs and tables are unused in the beginning and they don't know how many people are coming. Mrs. Comfort tries to warn everyone that it won't work, but they ignore her. She finally gives up.

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