

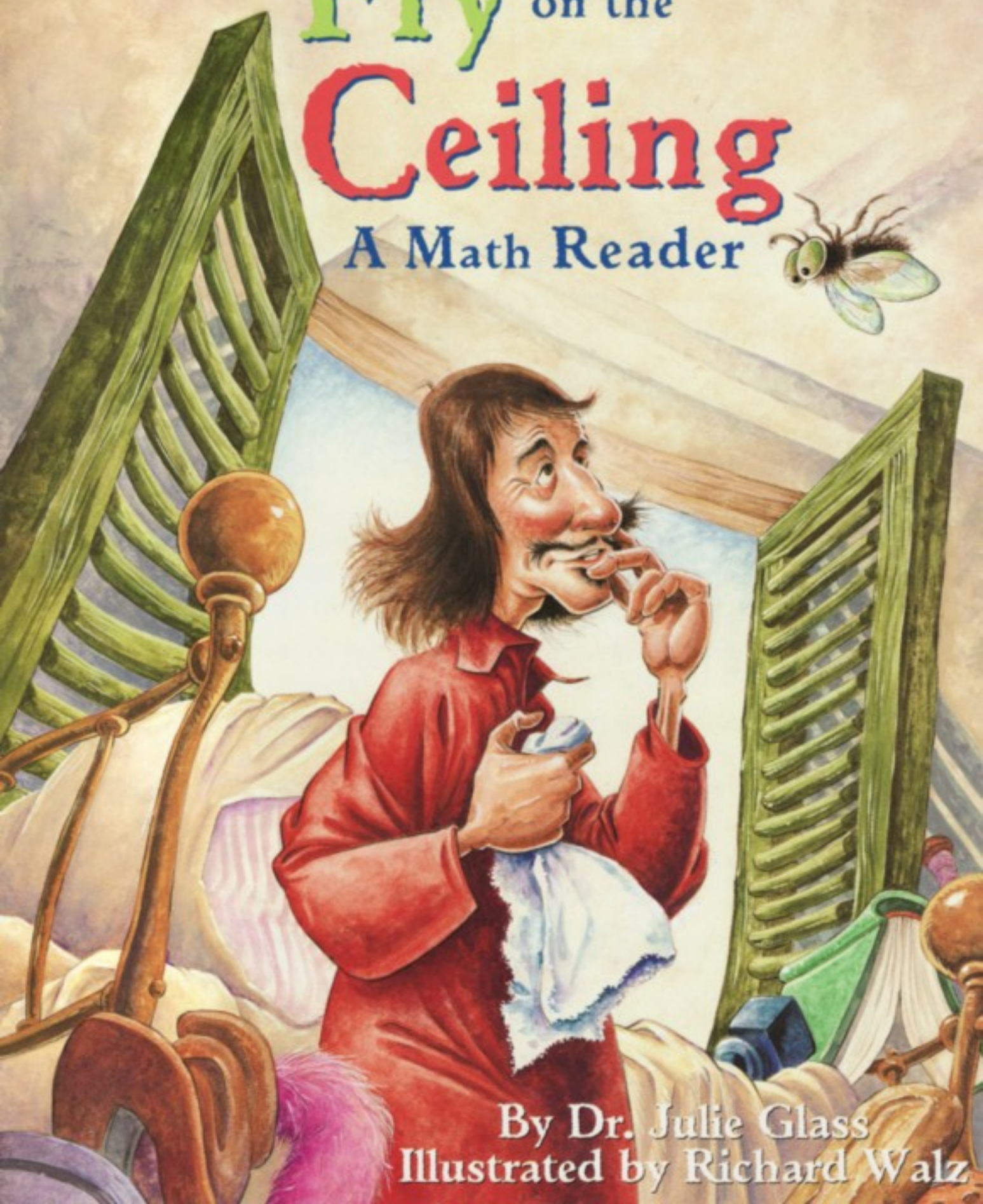
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A Math Reader



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He was a French guy, so he had a French name. His name was René Descartes (pronounced ruh-NAY day-CART). This may sound like a funny name to you, but in France it is perfectly normal.





René went to his favorite bakery to buy  
a fresh loaf of bread.





René jumped out of bed again. He pushed everything into the kitchen.

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