

The Puzzling Adventures of Dr. Ecco

By Dennis Shasha

The Puzzling Adventures of Dr. Ecco is a book about puzzles and problem solving, entertainingly disguised as the fictional tale of Dr. Jacob Ecco, the legendary mathematical detective. We first meet Dr. Ecco at home in Greenwich Village, New York, where he is visited by his diverse clientele: government leaders and shadowy double agents, corporate giants and eccentric millionaires. Each client presents Dr. Ecco with an intriguing puzzle and is willing to pay handsomely for its

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