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Michael ROSEN. — **Number theory in function fields.** — Graduate texts in mathematics, vol. 210. — Un vol. relié, 16 × 24, de XII, 358 p. — ISBN 1-85233-437-1. — Prix: € 54.95. — Springer, New York, 2002.

Elementary number theory is concerned with arithmetic properties of the ring of integers. Early in the development of number theory, it was noticed that the ring of integers has many properties in common with the ring of polynomials over a finite field. The first part of this book illustrates this relationship by presenting analogues of the theorems of Fermat and Euler, Wilson's theorem, quadratic (and higher) reciprocity, the prime number theorem, and Dirichlet's theorem on primes in an arithmetic progression. After presenting the required foundational material on function fields, the later chapters explore the analogy between global function fields and algebraic number fields. A variety of topics are presented, including the ABC-conjecture, Artin's conjecture on primitive roots, the Brumer-Stark conjecture, Drinfeld modules, class number formulae, and average value theorems.

Corps et polynômes

Ian STEWART, David TALL. — **Algebraic number theory and Fermat's last theorem.** — 3rd edition. — Un vol. relié, 15 × 23,5, de XIX, 313 p. — ISBN 1-56881-119-5. — Prix: US\$ 38.00. — A.K. Peters, Natick, Mass., 2002.

This new, completely revised edition of a classic text introduces all elements necessary for understanding Wiles' proof, as well as new developments and unsolved problems. Written by two distinguished mathematicians, this book weaves together the historical development of the subject with a presentation of mathematical techniques. The result is a solid introduction to one of the most active research areas of mathematics for serious math buffs and a textbook accessible to undergraduates.

Géométrie algébrique

Olivier DEBARRE. — **Higher-dimensional algebraic geometry.** — Universitext. — Un vol. relié, 17 × 24, de XIII, 233 p. — ISBN 0-387-95227-6. — Prix: € 44.95. — Springer, New York, 2001.

The book studies the classification theory of algebraic varieties. This very active area of research is still developing, but an amazing quantity of knowledge has accumulated over the past twenty years. The author's goal is to provide an easily accessible introduction to the subject. The book begins with preparatory and standard definitions and results, moves on to discuss various aspects of the geometry of smooth projective varieties with many rational curves, and finishes in taking the first steps towards Mori's minimal model program of classification of algebraic varieties by proving the cone and contraction theorems.

Gennady LYUBEZNIK, (Editor). — **Local cohomology and its applications.** — Lecture notes in pure and applied mathematics, vol. 226. — Un vol. broché, 18 × 26, de IX, 342 p. — ISBN 0-8247-0741-9. — Prix: US\$ 150.00. — Marcel Dekker, New York, 2002.

This volume collects presentations from the International Workshop on Local Cohomology held in Guanajuato, Mexico, including expanded lectures notes of two minicourses on applications in equivariant topology and foundations of duality theory, and chapters on finiteness properties, D -modules, monomial ideals, combinatorial analysis, and related topics – providing survey articles of interest to experts and novices on recent developments in local cohomology and cohomology of projective schemes. The book discusses the Greenlees-May duality, algorithmic methods, cohomological Hilbert functions, equivariant K -theory, associated primes, squarefree modules, the Čech hull, residue methods... and more.