BOOK OF NUMBERS

The enigmatic billionaire founder of Tetration, the world's most powerful tech company, hires a failed novelist, Josh Cohen, to ghostwrite his memoirs. This tech mogul, known as Principal, brings Josh behind the digital veil, tracing the rise of Tetration, which started in the earliest days of the Internet by revolutionizing the search engine before venturing into smartphones, computers, and the surveillance of American citizens. Principal takes Josh on a mind-bending world tour from Palo Alto to Dubai and beyond, initiating him into the secret pretext of...

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The computer finally booted but could not find its modem, the modem could not find a signal and the helpscreen automatically loaded. Diagnostic scan in progress. Rotating hourglass, grains in the queue. Quit everything, restart. Quit everything, shut down, unplug, burn the house, build another house, replug, restart. Joshua Cohen, Book of Numbers: A Novel //

The chips were the enablers, limited pellets of silicon that served an apparently unlimited range of functions, as like a single snackfood delivering the tastes of chocolate, vanilla, pork rind, popcorn, pretzel, and chip in every bitesized bite. Joshua Cohen, Book of Numbers: A Novel //

Reader's Opinions

I am feeling totally whipped by this book, stretched and poked. Reviewers on Goodreads have said they quit after 50 pages or 100 pages, and I get that. They probably went out and did great things with the hours they saved. This strange book is, however, entirely readable even if it did not readily pull me in. I sighed