AUGUST 2025 numerous into Europe/13thwithmetic manuals such as those by Fibonacci Liber Abaci, 1202) described · how to test divisibility by small primes; . how to divide successfully to find factors. · by the 17th-18th centuries, withmetic handbooks for merchants and schools codified the process as a standard algorithm: Divide the number by the smallest possible prime, write the quotient below, and continue until the Ever himself uses this style in Elements of Algebra, showing the factorization of 2x2x2x3x9x5. 5. Philosophical note The reason it survived unchanged is prefound: it mirrors the logical s ructure There is no friend as loyal as a book. – Ernest Hemingway