

1035-11-1699 **Sylvester Reese*** (sylreese@yahoo.com), PO BOX 131, NY, NY 10032. *Is the sum $SS := 1 + \sqrt{2} + \ln(1 + \sqrt{2})$ a special number?* Preliminary report.

Several popular books on numbers have been published. For example, D. Wells' "The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers", F. Le Lionnais' "Les Nombres Remarquables", C. Pickover's "Wonders of Numbers", and many more. However, they don't mention the number SS. This talk suggests that the number SS is simultaneously a Special Sum and a curious, interesting, remarkable, wonderful,...number and should be better known. (Received September 20, 2007)