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Duncan J. Melville* (dmelville@stlawu.edu), Dept. of Mathematics, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617. *Who reads mathematics? A case study from Mesopotamia.*

The small town of Meturan lay far from the great urban centers of Mesopotamian learning such as Nippur and Ur. Yet in a small private house, a scholar had amassed a collection of Sumerian literature – and mathematics. The presence of mathematical tablets in the collection indicates an intellectual interest in mathematics outside of scribal schooling. We will discuss the contents of this collection and its implications. (Received September 20, 2011)