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German historian of mathematics whose four-volume *Vorlesungen über Geschichte der Mathematik* (*Lectures on the History of Mathematics*, published 1880-1908) is still considered one of the finest works in the field. It covers mathematical developments from the earliest times through the eighteenth century. Cantor spent his career as a professor at the University of Heidelberg. He was an editor of the journal *Zeitschrift für Mathematik und Physik*, in which several of his papers were published.