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Justin says

I read half of it for the first semester of a two-semester introductory computer science sequence at my school. I have prior programming experience, but I had to take the course in order to take the more advanced courses that I'm actually interested in. As far as programming texts go, it's good. The explanations are clear and not overly pedantic, and I picked up some new tidbits of knowledge here and there.

The book has a "show you how not to do it" approach where it has code blocks showing the wrong way to do things, sometimes multiple times, followed by the correct code block. The incorrect code blocks are supposedly examples of common mistakes made by novice programmers. Maybe it was due to my prior experience, but the incorrect code blocks were hard for me to follow logically, so I tended to skip them and just read the correct code block.

If you're using the book for a class, and you're new to programming, you'll learn a lot. Chances are that's the only way you've heard of this book anyway, and with the standard rip-off textbook price, probably the only way you'd ever buy it.

Sapera says

En virkelig god Java-introduktion. Letforståelig og grundig - kommer omkring alt, der er værd at vide. Og så er den tilmed spændende! Hvilket er en ret flot bedrift, når der er tale om en programmeringsfagbog.

OBS: Det skal siges, at jeg ikke var Java-begynder, da jeg læste bogen. Så måske virkede den kun så letforståelig for mig, fordi jeg brugte den som opsummering. Måske. Den ér under alle omstændigheder godt skrevet.

Jennifer Wu says

The authors did a great job explaining the history of the language and its usage... But delivered the material in a disorganized manner. Objects were not introduced until about 30% into the material. I found that I was completely confused for the first half of the book, learning and unlearning the information all while trying to reorganize the material in my head.

On a good note, the examples and references were extremely helpful in understanding the basics of logical reasoning.

I think I'd have liked the book better if objects were introduced parallel to primitive data types.

Joseph says

Its "beginner friendly*" provided that you work really hard. In my opinion it is good with the unofficial <https://practiceit.cs.washington.edu>

Abbey says

pretty decent. I read this never having done any Java before and found it helpful.
