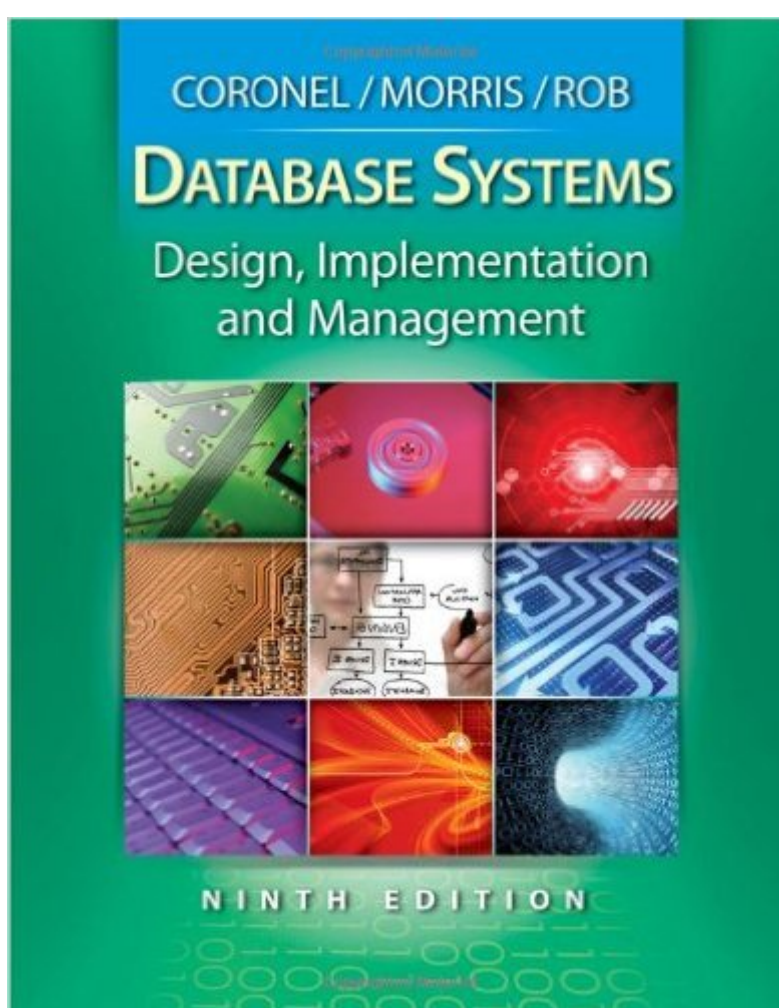


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Customer Reviews

This book was required as the main text for an into to SQL course. Far too many pages to describe basic concepts. "Angry fruit salad" because of the gratuitous use of color and boxes that contribute little to the meaning of the content. Too much filler. Worthless as a desk reference, so traded back to .Aside - too many texts nowadays are printed on these glossy pages which makes reading difficult in less than ideal conditions.

I seriously wanted to shoot the writers of this book every time I opened it. From what I learned in

class, the concepts this book attempts to teach are fairly simple but somehow this book makes every concept seem extremely difficult and confusing. Most of the book is filler. There are too many pointless, repetitive analogies and filler phrases. Often the book would explain something in a very convoluted way and then immediately follow with the phrase "Or more simply put" and then explain the concept in a clear and direct manner. I hated this book which led me to hate my class. If you are an instructor, I'd advise you to stay away from this book unless you want your students to be extremely frustrated.

I had to purchase this textbook for a college class on database development. We covered about 7 chapters of the book in this class and I feel if we had used a different book I would have had a much better experience in the class. The book is a very dry read and not engaging in the slightest. It can be compared to sitting in a large lecture hall with no air conditioning listening to a monotone professor drone on for a hour. Quite a few times I fell asleep while attempting to read a chapter. I think the author(s) should work on their conversational tone and read up on the learning process to revamp how they deliver their material so it is more engaging and easier to learn and comprehend. Overall, I would not recommend this book and I would encourage teachers to not use this book. Unfortunately I have to use this book again for my next class - database implementation. Urgh!

This is NOT a text to learn SQL, PHP, or any particular database system. If you want a good text on design and standards, then this does do an excellent job of defining these. Just finished up a class with this book and I am less than thrilled to have used this text. Having prior knowledge of many of the topics covered in this book, I felt as though this book was not designed with practicality in mind. Too many examples refer to database systems in a very generalized manner. I can understand why they would do this from a standpoint of trying to cover as many bases as possible, but the content loses direction by trying to make everybody happy. If this were touted as just a design/standardization text, then it could have cut out about 4-5 chapters worth of unguided rhetoric and been an excellent piece on its own. What I mean by this, is that instead of taking a stand on say an Oracle system and providing good solid examples that can be explored and fished out thoroughly, it wastes time by pointing out dozens of minor differences between database systems leaving the student with little to go on. Database systems aren't that much different that they couldn't have just picked one and ran with it knowing that the student would be perfectly fine in the long run. Also, the website content of this book should NOT be something one should have to pay extra for. In this book's case, there is maybe an extra chapter or so worth of text and some standard multiple choice

quizzes that just pull random terms out of the book with no real emphasis on importance.

This was the required text for a 6 week college course I took on SQL. We are just wrapping up with the class this week, and I have to say this book is awful. 650+ pages of SQL, and this is my first experience with SQL and I wasn't too fond of it. The professor insists this is a great book, but of the 650+ pages inside this thing could have been easily condensed to 300 or less. My favorite line in this book is "in other words", well how about instead of always saying that after you explain concepts with fancy words and convoluted language you just get to the point. If I had a dollar for each time the authors said "in other words" I'd be a billionaire. It's like they want to show off their mastery of SQL and the English language at the same time. For this reason I will be buying a more highly rated SQL book from and continue to work on my SQL knowledge so I feel like I know what I'm doing. There are many topics that I didn't feel a mastery of because of this book like sub queries, triggers, procedures, and many more. I also didn't like the fact that this wasn't focused on just Oracle, we were using Oracle, but there are plenty of references to other systems like MS Access etc. etc. and this creates wasted time when we were supposed to be working with Oracle. Stay away from any class using this book as it's source of material.

Sorry for the pun in the title, but this will be a boring and straight forward review. This text-book is an excellent resource for students and professionals alike. There are many examples, clear instructions, and helpful online content. It is NOT perfect, but if you want to learn SQL for and DBMS, then here is your tool!

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