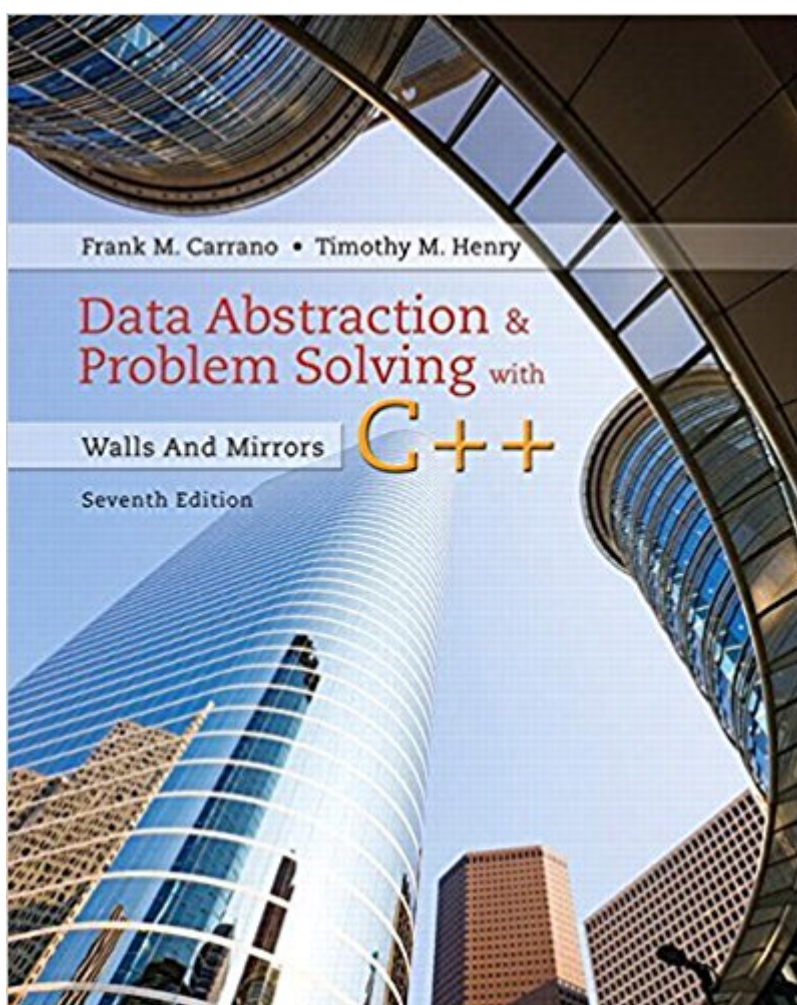


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Used this book for my introductory course in Data Structures at university as reference and study material. No homework or anything whatsoever is to be found in this text. There are no example scenarios and no "assignments" or practice problems in this text, it is all explanation and general examples of application/implementation of the topics discussed. That said, the writing is pretty good, not amazing, but decent. It's generally easy to comprehend, but only after having sat in a lecture covering the material. I doubt very much that many people could learn this material from this book alone without guidance elsewhere. They do a good job of providing example implementations,

however, they are done so generally that it may be hard to understand what is happening. An alright book, but I would still recommend for any courses in data structures.

Pretty well-written textbook with lots of examples. However, our professor did not go through the chapters in order. Because this book builds on projects created in earlier chapters, I think I would do better in the course if it was in order. LOVE the fact that the language details for C++ are broken out into interludes. This helps the student to see the difference between the language-specific information and general data structure & algorithm lessons, which apply to all languages. I am pleased with this book. It was an excellent follow-up after using Problem Solving in C++ by Savitch in the previous computer science class.

I bought this as a textbook for a Data Structures class. I think the author did a pretty good job explaining and illustrating various data structures and their respective algorithms. It definitely helped being in class with an instructor, so it's hard for me to judge the textbook apart from my class. But overall I think this book was pretty well written. The author uses pseudocode when explaining, and then includes C++ code to illustrate implementations. A lot of the code in the textbook is partially complete, which is fine because they were then used as assignments to complete the code. It's not too difficult to complete the code because the other provides pseudocode.

I like how the book reads and the information is pretty useful. I am using the book for a course I am taking at the university. Only issue I have is with the Kindle version I purchased. It is hard to read because you can only zoom in and out. You cannot increase the font size as you can with Kindle novels. This is the first Kindle "textbook" I have purchased, and will probably avoid them in the future because of the font size issue.

This is a book on how to properly, abstractly, sort, store and compartmentalize data in C++. I found that this book accomplished this reasonably well. But, you need to understand C++. You will need to already understand pointers, copy constructors, exceptions, etc. I found the "interlude" sections, that are there to reacquaint the student, unhelpful.

Good book

I'm taking a computer science minor, and need this for one of my courses. I did not take a C++

course prior to using this book, and it is not easy for me to follow along--other reviewers have stated that you do need a basic understanding of C++, and that is true. I'm struggling, and have to put a lot of work in to understand everything.

The book was pretty good at explaining things if you have a good amount of knowledge in C++ already. Examples may be hard to understand at first glance, but overtime it would be pretty simple. They create their own ADT examples for you to understand the true purpose of a data structure.

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