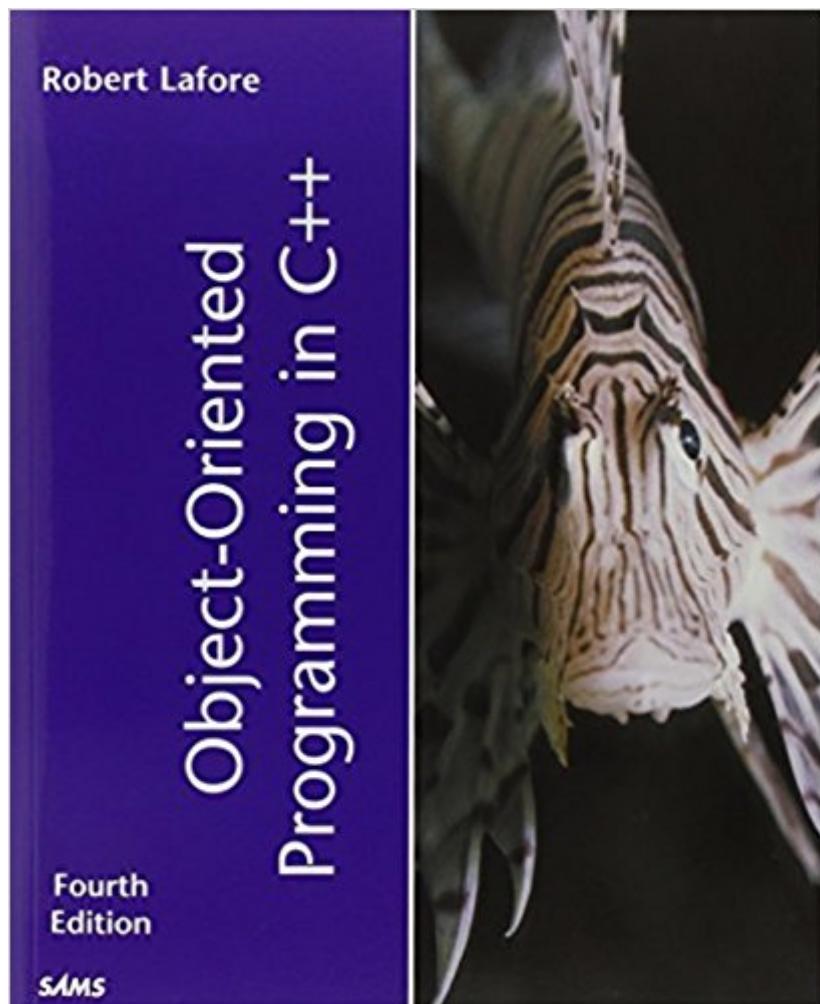


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Let me start off by saying that I have a degree in fine art and NOT computer science or anything else that's related to computers. With that out of the way, I can honestly say that the author of this book is methodical, concise, and complete in his descriptions. If you're looking for a picture book with drawings and diagrams you may want to look somewhere else. I will say that I approached this book with an absolute basic understanding of the concept of a variable, a string and that was about it. I had tried to read/surf the net about functions, classes, and loops but never really found a definitive source that could explain the concepts for my "art" brain to digest. This book has answered the call. I'm sure you've read similar statements but I'll say it again, don't expect to learn a programming language after reading a couple of pages and copying some code. I'm starting chapter 3 after having the book for approx. 1 week and I have a solid understanding of variable types, cout, cin, how to perform basic arithmetic in C++, calling functions, and parameters just to name a few. For a person with a creative and not-so-computer tech mindset, this is a major accomplishment. The pacing is nice if you're willing to read the material, review, and actually do the exercises at the end of the chapters. Overall, I'm happy with this purchase and confidently learning C++ thanks to this book. If I have just one criticism I would say that I wish there were answers for every exercise question. I understand the reasoning for not having answers to all of the exercise problems (the amount of pages it would take to create the answers would be insane). Still, there is an answer key for the review questions and some of the exercises.

The writing is thorough and easy to read. The book has helped iron out the wrinkles in my patchwork C++ knowledge. However, the book is written with frequent examples of code to illustrate the points being made. These code sections are very difficult to read because the lines wrap around due to the book page being wider than the Kindle screen. Computer code, of all things, has to be very precise, and the unfortunate formatting harms the readability and prevents the reader from being able to develop a feel for what good code should look like. Still, the book has been helpful in spite of the examples, and I would recommend it. PS - Setting the Kindle to display horizontally and

shrinking the font will pretty much eliminate the wrapping problems. This is a good solution if you can tolerate reading the rest of the text in this mode as well. Changing the settings for every example would be tedious at best because the examples are so frequent.

Good, but has typos and mistakes in code samples, sometimes you'll see things like `char * str = new char[length + 1];` but then author does `delete str;` instead of `delete [] str;` so watch out for those things and read everything carefully! Other than that it's a really great book, if you read this book to the end, I strongly suggest you read Scott Meyers' Effective C++ series (Effective C++, More Effective C++, Effective STL), I personally ordered those 3, and also The Boost C++ Libraries: Generic Programming by Sergei Nakariakov and C++ Templates: The Complete Guide by David Vandevoorde after I read this book.

I took several C++ Program In Computing courses while in college, and I must say, this book did a fantastic job of turning the what was then "clear as mud" concepts to something I could understand. Since those courses, I've learned C and a few other languages, but this book does a fantastic job of introducing OO concepts to a programmer, or a beginner who was otherwise doing procedural programs, or was just starting fresh. Lafore goes over the benefits of OO, and slowly builds on top of concepts throughout the book until you get a good overall understanding of the theory and the practice. Two things I didn't like about the book: 1. There was very little discussion about doing things the "right way". By this, I mean, Lafore didn't really mention how certain methods of writing programs were less efficient than others. It looks like he was using the best practices in the book, so maybe that would have been overkill, but going a bit more in depth about why to do certain things certain ways would have been nice. While this is a beginner book, it certainly doesn't hurt to have sidenotes of this nature for those interested. 2. While the majority of the code in this book was portable to most platforms, it's still assumed that you're going to be on a Windows platform, and Lafore uses several Windows-only graphics libraries to illustrate some points. Being a UNIX guy, I would have preferred that he stick to a platform neutral explanation.

If I had read this book years ago, I'd have dropped everything to go for a career in programming/software engineering. Many thanks to the author for sharing his gift.

I bought this book long time ago when I was a student, but had not read it seriously. However, I started to read this book a month ago because of my job duty. Then I found that this book is

excellent in helping readers understand essential concepts and principles which are required for C++ programming. The reasons why I am thinking like that are as below. This book explains 'why' as well as 'how', describing what's happening inside of system or C++ compiler. Each chapter starts off with some possible real-programming issues that we may face, then moves to fundamental and essential concepts, which make me think about some applications of the contents. Example codes which are shown in this book are very easy and clear, but very helpful for understanding concepts and principles which are very essential. I strongly recommend you to read this book to be an expert in C++ programming.

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