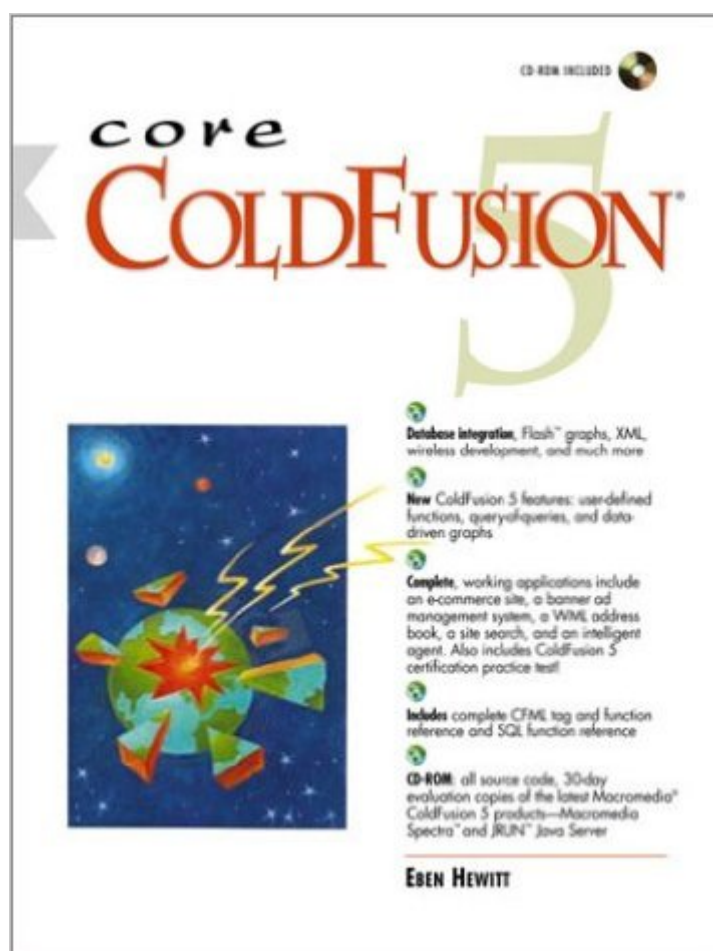


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## Customer Reviews

This book is great. It has all of the code for the things that I want to do. So many books like this you get a bunch of code that you can't do anything with. This has so many things you can use right out of the box. What I like most probably is the writing style. This almost reads like a regular book, not a technical manual. Probably 10 times when I was reading I read a paragraph and thought "well what about this?"--and then it was answered in the next paragraph! with all the code and how clear Hewitt talks this book is more than worth the money

First off, this book doesn't cover every aspect of Cold Fusion. It doesn't pretend to. I agree wholeheartedly with the author's choice of what to cover. You won't find much information about little-used ldap connections in here or what I've come to see as frankly cheesy aspects of coldfusion like CFUPDATE. Maybe it would be nice if they could be covered, but it makes other books are so big that they make nice references but not the best learning tools. This book is the best way to learn Cold Fusion I've seen. It walks beginners through so they really understand each step of the way. And once you're done, you know enough about how CF really works that you can do the things it

doesn't cover on your own. The other thing is that it focuses on showing you the kinds of apps you need to build in the real world, and tying those in. It doesn't try to win you over by being cutesy and cracking jokes. If you're not a beginner, the code makes it worth a read. I especially like the discussion of lists, arrays and structures. Far clearer than in Mr Forta's book which I also have read. Also good is the custom tags chapter. And I have to say this because it gets on my nerves when I see it. This book has probably the fewest typos of any new computer book I've seen. Though it does have a few, they're obvious.

If you are using this book as a reference for Cold Fusion tags and examples, this may NOT be the book for you. Some basic tags are missing from the appendix, while more importantly there are significant mislabeling that make understanding the book difficult. An example is with . The attributes are all mislabeled making understanding the examples difficult. Unfortunately this isn't an isolated case. The examples presented are mainly in the context of an online store. It is up to you to interpret how do use them for your own uses. I think more generalized examples would be helpful. In summary, the book is fairly informative but confusing enough to leave you frustrated.

I thought this book was excellent for many reasons. First off, it is full of real world code examples that you can really use. Many books just give you little code snippets to illustrate a function or method, but this book provides good small applications that really show you how things work. In addition, the writing style of the book is refreshingly candid, casual, as well as knowledgeable. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Learned this I'm college and this book helped where my class was lacking.

As a newcomer to Coldfusion, I felt like this book was clearly written and easy to understand. However, I bought the book primarily for the shopping cart code included on the CD. After several days I was able to get this cart working but I did find a few problems in the design. Being a newcomer to Coldfusion, I contacted the author. He was at first helpful, but his last answer to me was "the store was primarily meant to illustrate certain points and integrate everything that had been learned up to that point in the book. Unfortunately, i can't troubleshoot every eventuality. if you discover the answer, i can post it on the site as a "fix" with your name." Buy the book, but use the shopping cart as a learning tool only.

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