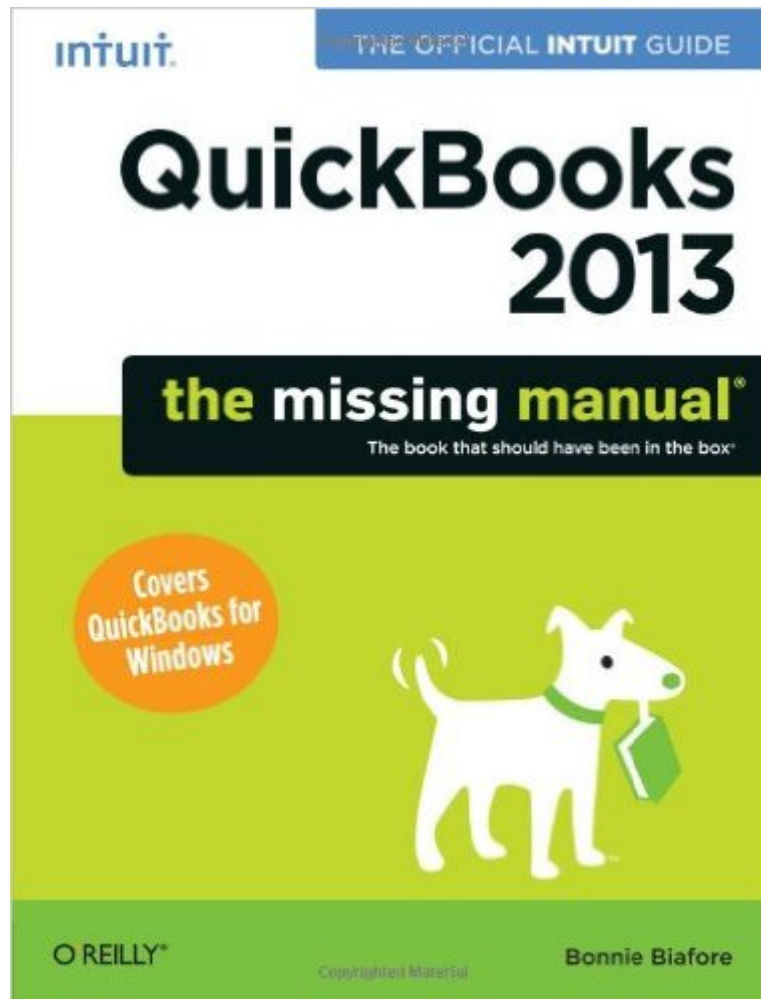


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# QuickBooks 2013: The Missing Manual: The Official Intuit Guide To QuickBooks 2013



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I have been looking for a book that starts with the fundamentals of QuickBooks, and then builds from there. I teach QuickBooks, and I kept ending up with texts that got too intricate too quickly, and when I see my students' eyes glaze over, I think "Oh no! It's happening again!" Finally, though, with Bonnie Biafore's book, I was able to provide them with instruction from the ground up, starting with simple invoicing and billing, and building from there. I am so grateful to have found this resource!

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Especially good for person with a little experience with Quickbooks. By reading this book, I was able to continue the project which was created by other person who no longer available for consultation.

If you are new to QuickBooks this is the book for you! Very detailed step by step instruction from how to set up your company, set up accounts and enter transactions. I like the table of contents it allows you to easily find the kind of help you are looking for! I was a bit overwhelmed by the size of the book 736 pages, but if you use it as a reference tool it is just right. Happy Accounting!

I was really looking forward to better understanding the ins and outs of the QuickBooks payroll module. So I was stunned to find the author say, on p. 409, "...this book doesn't include the instructions for using QuickBook's built-in payroll feature." WHAT? Sorry Ms. Biafore, as far as I am concerned, part of the "missing" manual is still missing.

This is really helpful. I have not used Quickbooks before and it answered all my questions. I thought I would have trouble getting used to a new program after using my old one for 18 years, but no problem.

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