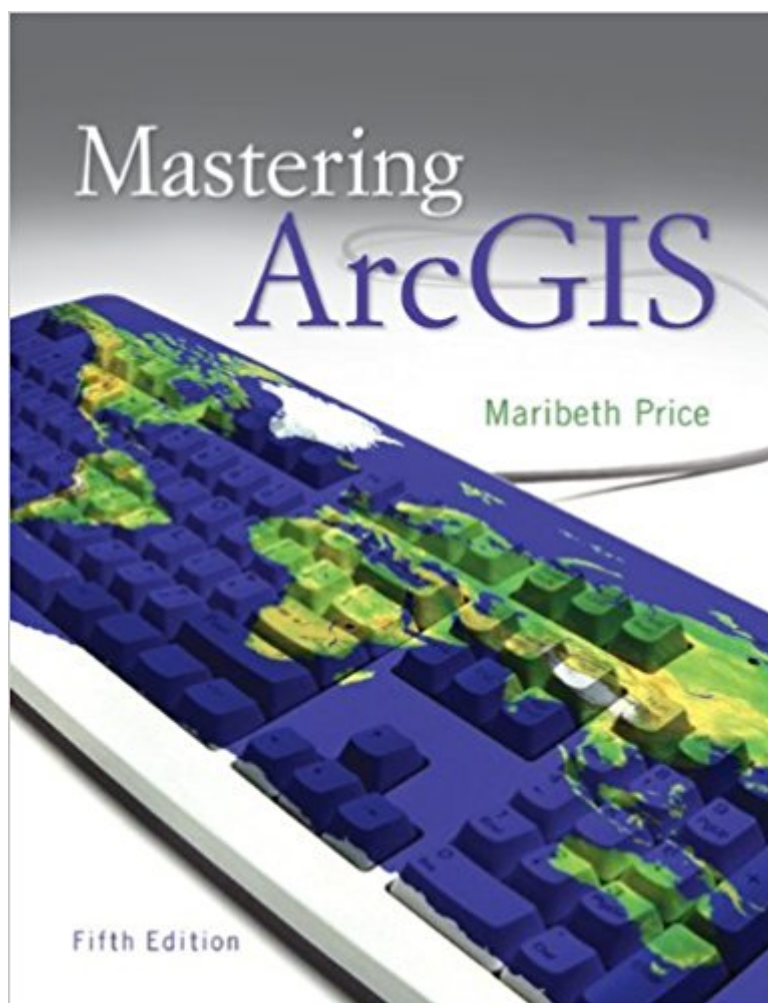


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Customer Reviews

This book is a perfect textbook for the class I'm taking in college. The chapters are separated into textbook and tutorials. The textbook portion has review questions and the tutorials have exercises. Overall, a well-crafted class. Our college has a one-year license with ESRI to download ArcGIS software. This textbook works perfectly with the current, up-to-date ESRI software. This book supports the current technology in the workforce.

I feel the tutorials are set up terribly, each step is not a different number or letter, instead you have "step 53. step 53. step 53. step 53. step 54. step 54." etc. It would be easier to follow the tutorials if it at least distinguished the numbered steps with sub-letters (53a, 53b, 53c) so a person didn't have to read back through each step of a particular number to figure out which one you are on. I always felt like I didn't take much away after doing the tutorials either, ended up seeking other help to

recreate what I had just done. All things considered, I find the ArcGIS help pages in the program to be more straight forward and easier to reference. Simply searching for what you think you need and reading the help page has taught me far more than this book did. If you don't have a class that requires this book and are just casually teaching yourself ArcGIS google your questions to get the basics and then use the in program search and help features.

I don't usually post reviews, but felt this book was worth posting about. It's an absolute joy to learn ArcGIS using this book. It's well-written and thought out. It explains the information in detail, but not so much at one time that you're overwhelmed. The book contains tons of pictures (screenshots) as you work through the tutorials. You don't only read what steps you're supposed to take, but can actually see it. I would recommend this book or any other available books from ESRI Press. The newest edition is also due out sometime around the end of this month (February), so make sure to keep an eye out for it if you're looking for the latest and greatest.

Although I'm not the biggest fan of the latest version of ArcGIS, this book does pretty well when it comes to navigating it. The chapters are easy to decipher, and the walk-throughs are great. It does miss some bugs, but all in all it's a great book to start with and has awesome tutorials/reference material in the back.

I figured that like all textbooks I would return this at the end of the semester. However this book is so well written that I'm definitely keeping it as a resource for my career, it's a great source to look back to for help. I love the mastering the skills section, it will tell you early on every step for classifying data but in later chapters will simply say classify the data.

This book is great to have on hand if you are doing any GIS work. I used it for a class, but you could teach yourself from the book as well. Price explains concepts well and the instructions for each exercise are clear. I still use this book for reference.

Very informative and easy to use and understand. The step by step tutorials are simple enough that anybody can learn Arc Gis. The practice problems are another way to learn the material and are more challenging. Definitely get the book if you intend to learn Arc Gis. I am taking a college class in Arc Gis and had to get this, and I saved a lot of money by buying it on .

This is a good introduction to using ArcGIS, and I went through almost the entire book in my Intro to GIS course. However, there were sometimes questions with the practice exercises that required an instructor's help, and I do wish that there were more skills-based examples (in other words, showing how to do the skill in ArcGIS) located in the chapters. Still, I do recommend this book as a solid introduction to GIS and a foundation for further study.

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