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Synopsis

Programming Forth introduces you to modern Forth systems. In 1994 the ANS Forth standard was released and unleashed a wave of creativity among Forth compiler writers. Because the ANS standard, unlike the previous informal Forth-83 standard, avoids specifying implementation details, implementers took full advantage. The result has been what I choose to call modern Forths, which are available from a range of sources both commercial and open-source.

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Customer Reviews

Are you a Real Programmer? If so, then you have likely already used Forth. If you haven't, then you owe it to yourself to learn Forth, and Stephen Pelc's /Programming Forth/ is a superb resource. Very few definitive Forth tutorials have been written, and this book is destined to join the ranks of those few classic texts.One caveat: /Programming Forth/ is not suitable for bigots or the faint of heart, and raw beginners may perceive it to be a bit overwhelming; Mr. Pelc writes succinctly; he doesn't waste any words (nor your time) with hand-holding, and progresses from simple to truly advanced concepts at a brisk pace, so hold on to your hat and pay attention to what he is saying -- it's a fun and enjoyable ride...And, you will become a better programmer.I have been using Forth for more

than 30 years, and didn't expect to learn much from this book -- nevertheless I gained some fresh insights, and an appreciation for Stephen Pelc's programming style and engineering choices.Get this book (and the other classic Forth books mentioned within it), read it, and *practice Forth* it until you understand it; you'll thank yourself afterwards. (Of course, you will also wind up thanking Stephen Pelc, Leo Brodie, Elizabeth Rather, and Charles Moore.)One technical glitch: there is no ToC for the Kindle edition (as of July 2016), so I cannot navigate to chapters; I hope and trust that this will be fixed in a future release.

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