C++ For You++: An Introduction To Programming And Computer Science
Synopsis
An introductory text for beginners unfamiliar with C++ or computer science.

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Customer Reviews
C++ for You++ is a wonderful book. I don’t know what the people who gave it 1/5 stars were thinking. The difference between it and other introductory books becomes apparent from the very beginning of the book. The typical approach in intro programming books is to begin with a completely useless “Hello World” program. I don’t know about others, but I generally feel like I’m being talked down to if the book assumes that I am too dumb to be able to understand anything more. People learn a language not to write “hello world”, but useful, more complex code. C++ For You++ starts off with a “dictionary” program. At first glance, this looks overwhelming. But as one starts to read the explanations and description that the book gives of what all the pieces of code do, and how they interact, it reason and meaning of the code becomes apparent. This approach allows for a very rapid ascent to a level where very useful programs can be written. Other books I have read waste much more time pre-chewing everything for the student, and take a lot longer to start giving useful information. When I picked up this book, my programming experience was confined to a very superficial study of Pascal (a couple of weeks worth of studying). Using this book, I was mastered enough C++ in three weeks to be able to outcompete the other AP C++ students in my class, who had had a “year” of high school level C/C++ class time, and were were using other books. The examples and problems given are also excellent. Someone complained they are too
hard. That's not true. They take thought, that is true, but isn't that the whole point?

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