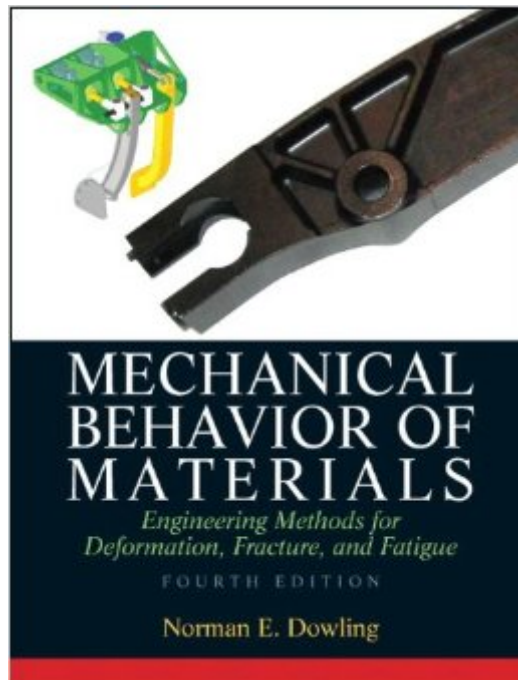


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Professor Dowling has done a remarkable job in presenting his material. "*Mechanical Behavior of Materials*" is pedagogically solid, enabling comfortable self-study for engineering students or practicing engineers. The coverage of deformation, static failure, and fatigue failure analyses are comprehensive, and yet sufficiently detailed to be applied in practice. Individual chapters are devoted to each of the three major fatigue analysis techniques, i.e., stress, strain, and fracture mechanics methods. Each are clearly and thoroughly explained, along with their applications and limitations. Also covered are a host of standard testing procedures, material properties for all major classes, plasticity, creep, relaxation, and material damping (a rarity). Altogether, Professor Dowling's book stands out as an exceptional example of what an engineering text should be. It is a very fine successor to an earlier, and still worthwhile work called "*Stress, Strain, and Strength*" by the late Professor Robert Juvinall. Another useful book, is "*Metal Fatigue in Engineering*", by Fuchs and Stephens.

I find it really suspicious that a lot of the reviewers here refer to the author as "professor". It makes me think that they had the author as their college professor, and maybe they were given some kind of extra credit for writing a good review about his book. But it seems that the good reviews are accurate! The majority of the book is pretty much review material (for me, at least). If you have a set of machine design books (Shigley, Juvinall, etc), then you will most likely have seen the material that's covered in the first 10 chapters of this book. The juicy part starts at chapter 11, and after that it covers stuff I haven't seen in machine design or mechanics of materials: 12 and 13: plasticity 14: strain-based approach to fatigue 15: Creep and damping Overall it's a really good book with clear explanations, but I encourage you to go onto the pearson website and look at the table of contents before buying. Then you can decide whether it's worth spending the hundred-something dollars for 5 chapters worth of new material, if your situation is similar to mine. I bought it because I needed it for class, and the scope is just a bit beyond Hibbeler books.

I am working as a practicing engineer and in the field of stress analysis of pressure vessels and piping. To properly understand the requirements of ASME Boiler and Pressure vessel code, particularly the 2007 edition of the code, where knowledge of stress and strain controlled fatigue as well as fracture mechanics approach is necessary, there is no better book than professor Dowling's book. It covers things in a very simple, lucid style and in a self contained way, so that reader need not look for other references to brush up related things. The approach is physical rather than highly mathematical. The only thing I miss after reading this book is not having studied under the tutelage of Professor Dowling.

I am an undergraduate mechanical engineering student doing research on designing for metal fatigue. I have done a reasonably thorough literature review of both journal articles and textbooks. I've raided most of my professors libraries and the school library as well. I found this book to be so helpful I purchased my own copy. It is very well written and easily accessible at the undergraduate level, not to say that it is basic. If you're trying to understand fatigue and fatigue life prediction you're going to need more than a chapter or two of Shigley's Engineering Design. Look up the table of contents on Pearson's website. Dowling's book is well organized, well written, and enjoyable to read. Pick up a used copy for a few dollars. You won't regret it. P.S. If you're working with strain gauges and need to learn a little bit more about them, HBM's free reference book on their website is worth a read.

This book is outstanding in its technical content and writing clarity. I actually had the pleasure to learn the material from Professor Dowling himself and his clear method of teaching is reflected in his writing. The book provides a solid theoretical and practical foundation on failure criteria, fracture mechanics and the mechanics of fatigue. In my case, I went on and studied several of the topics presented in the book in more detail but Professor Dowling's book is still my number one reference. Professor Dowling has actually worked in the industry and the examples and exercises are real problems made with real data. The only problem I have with the book is that I can't keep it on my shelf as my coworkers keep borrowing it. Some might argue that the book price is high but this book is one of those you can't put a price tag on. If you really think of it economically, the book is a great investment (a no brainer).

I bought this book to learn about strain-life fatigue analysis, and I can't imagine that there is a better reference out there. I am very pleased with all of the content. The book is well structured, and the descriptions are very easy to follow. The book gave the best explanation of micro-structure and slip planes I have ever read. Stress-life analysis is covered in detail, and the last few chapters focus on strain-life analysis. I highly recommend this book. I am a structural engineer and I keep this book within arm length for quick reference.

Brilliant textbook written in an exceptionally efficient and useful manner. Highly recommend this book for any MSE or ME student who is currently going through a materials behavior course. Examples are worked out in a clear and concise manner, and the appendix does an amazing job of showing and explaining loading scenarios so the reader is not left in the dark.

This book is really comprehensive. In this book you can find almost all you need to know about materials behavior, starting from the most classical approaches until the newest theories and some hints for further readings and studies. Every mechanical engineer should have this book on his bookshelf!

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