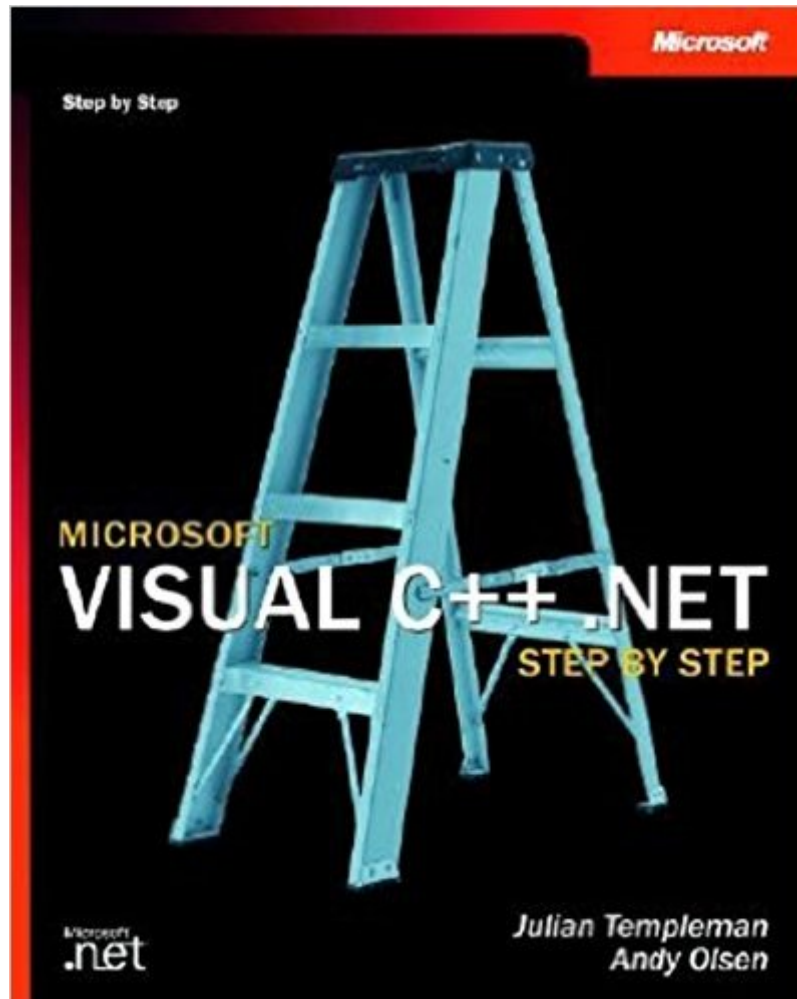# The book was found

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Customer Reviews

This is a good book if you are looking to take a step up from Console programming to more advanced stuff. It teaches you the new .NET features in a pretty effective manner. There are a lot of errors however. I read this book and did the actual step by step follow-along. I had the errata webpage open the whole time because there were dozens of cases where in the actual code examples they would leave out a keyword that was critical to your program. It also came with code for everything in the book on CD so if I got to a point where my code didn't work or their instructions were too vague, I was able to open their code and compare. Interesting enough, the code on the CD frequently strayed from the instructions in the book. It was almost like they wrote the book and when they read through it to actually do the coding the book talks about, they said, "Hey, that doesn't work!" But then they never changed it in the text. I would not recommend it to complete beginners for that reason. For those who aren't complete beginners, keep your eyes open and check out the errata site.

When my library got this book, I just had to grab it to catch up on the new Visual C++ .net. As an intermediate C++ student, I thought that this would get me up to speed on the new Microsoft .Net and was willing to wade through what appears to be material for beginners. Unfortunately, it seems that many topics are too lightly treated for any beginner. And most intermediate programmers have to skim through a lot of material to find what makes .Net so different from ANSI C++.It seems to me that the authors can't decide which audience level to address. Again, most beginners are going to be frustrated with the much too light treatment of many topics. Intermediate and (certainly) Advanced programmers will prefer something else that presents a nice compact discussion and examples of the new .Net material.In short, buy something else.

I found this book to be disappointing. Like so many other programming books it supposedly starts off at a pace for a beginner. However, it spends too much time on basic syntax, which I assume most programmers are familiar with, or are familiar with other programming languages and could make the adjustment quickly to basic C++.It does give a few important introductory points on the new managed classes, to its credit. However one-half of the way through the book the author begins to leave C++ and give "glimpses" of the .Net features of C++, which are much too vast to cover even simplistically in such a small space. The topics quickly became so far from what I wanted to learn about C++ that it was hard to believe they were covered in the same book as the simplistic syntax lessons at the beginning. I came away from this book more confused as to what I could do with C++ .Net than before I read it.I don't know who this book is intended for, but it is definitely not for those wanting an tutorial on core .Net C++ without the excessive syntax explanations that fill the first half of so many programming books.

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Poorly written and not text book quality. Many code errors incorporated into text. If this is the best that Microsoft has to offer, it will seriously impeed their marketing efforts of .Net to academic institutions and student population.

I believe Mr. Maschiach's 03/31/2002 review captures the essence of this text perfectly--it's a "Hello World" primer, but its 626 pages do little more than scratch the surface of VC++ .NET progamming. It's essentially a "Teach Yourself" book that will certainly get you in the door, but as such does little to provide valuable techniques for solving real business problems. Although I'm certainly no VC++ .NET expert, the lackluster instruction left me touting C# as the preferred means to the same end simply because of C#'s abundant reference material. Perhaps MS intends this by design to depolarize the VC++ and VB camps, and is therefore favoring C# overall...Lastly, and indeed surprisingly considering the publisher, the book wants for editorial review due to numerous typographical errors and omissions. This is particularly frustrating when applied to syntactical examples. Perhaps MS Press will release "Microsoft Visual C++ .NET Step by Step Service Pack 1" to correct these deficiencies.

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