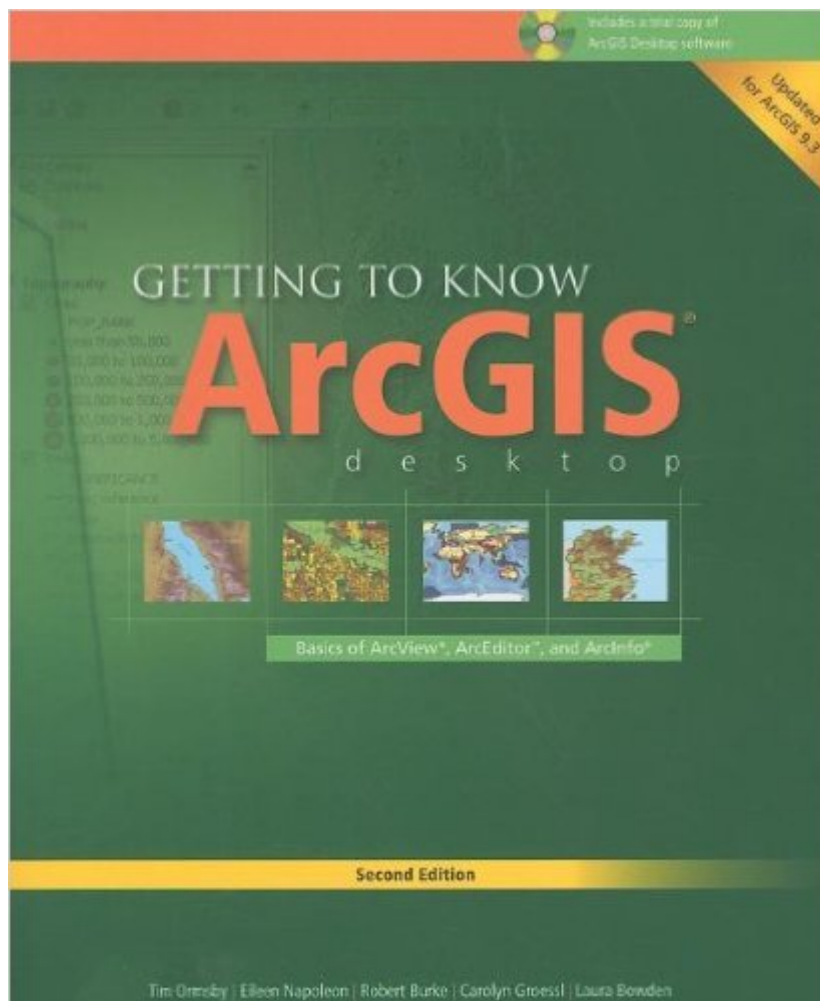


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# Getting To Know ArcGIS Desktop: Basics Of ArcView, ArcEditor, And ArcInfo (Getting To Know (ESRI Press))



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Getting to Know ArcGIS Desktop, Second Edition Updated for ArcGIS 9.3 contains introductory concepts followed by scripted software exercises that reinforce an understanding of the conceptual material presented. This format encourages readers to acquire functional GIS skills in a variety of areas. Offering the most comprehensive overview of ArcGIS 9.3 available on the market today, Getting to Know ArcGIS is valuable as both a classroom text and as a manual for individuals learning ArcGIS.

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This book is 592 pages of ArcGIS tutorials. If you like tutorials, then this is the book for you. These tutorials will walk you through anything you would ever want to do with ArcGIS, in painful detail. I was new to ArcGIS before reading this book, it's a complex and powerful program. This book is meant to be read cover to cover, unlike most software manuals & books where you can just jump to what you need to learn. So,... if you need to learn ArcGIS then this book is for you, but if you just need to learn specific tasks/ tools/ functions this is probably not the book that you want.

I reviewed this title several years ago and highlighted the excellent training material and structure it provides. My view on that remains. However, this book has literally 99% the same content and structure of the earlier editions, so if you are looking for new material you will be disappointed. The

software changes relating to the training examples are largely cosmetic, one or two modified dialogs and toolbars. Nothing of substance. Also, there is no requirement to purchase this book to obtain the 180-day evaluation software (which is ArcGIS 10 Editor version). Indeed, it is no longer bundled with the book, you have to download the 3.9Gb file, but you also get the evaluation key, so this latest edition is unnecessary. My advice is, save yourself a whole lot of money, buy an older version and obtain the software via download. There is so little change to the book you will not be disadvantaged. currently (Dec 2010) has used editions from \$17.13. ESRI Press could have provided an 'update' pdf of changes, but I doubt it would have got beyond a page!! Ian O - UK

While the text of the book has been updated to reflect version 10, none of the screenshots used in the book have been updated. This can lead to substantial confusion. Regardless, I buy a new copy every 6 months for the cheap software. I can keep this plan going for over 10 years and still come out ahead over buying a commercial one year license.

This book is not an audio book as titled on your website, rather, it is a book with two DVDs of data and software.

Despite it being a requirement for several of my classes in school, I think this is a really helpful book to learn the basics of ArcGIS. I would recommend it to others if they have access to Arc. It is all step by step instructions to help you learn the different tools, features, and uses of ArcMap. Sometimes it seems pointless because you're not really producing anything, just following steps, but if you can understand what you're doing and why you're doing it and are able to apply it outside of this book then it works great.

The software that came with the course materials does not match the written text and examples contained in the text of the book. I am having to try to get information from ESRI to correct the flaws. The exercises beginning in chapter 9 do not work.

This book is well written but is not so practical to use because installing the trial software is almost impossible and all the exercises are based on having the program installed. If you already have access to the software than this is a great investment otherwise I would make sure you have it before buying this book. Also, good luck getting the 180-day version that they advertise in the book, you'll be lucky to get the 60-day version (you don't need to buy book for that) that will only be

available through their website. Keep in mind the book only directs you to their website for any information on downloading trial software. Was finally able to install the trial software and worked well and expired on the last day of course so I'm unable to continue practicing.

I needed Arc for a quick contract job, and didn't feel like paying thousands of dollars. This includes a limited use of ARC 10, the full version for 18 months (I think) The book is also probably filled with lots of good stuff too, but I dunno.

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