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Full coverage of functional programming and all OCA Java Programmer exam objectives OCA, Oracle Certified Associate Java SE 8 Programmer I Study Guide, Exam 1Z0-808 is a comprehensive study guide for those taking the Oracle Certified Associate Java SE 8 Programmer I exam (1Z0-808). With complete coverage of 100% of the exam objectives, this book provides everything you need to know to confidently take the exam. The release of Java 8 brought the language’s biggest changes to date, and for the first time, candidates are required to learn functional programming to pass the exam. This study guide has you covered, with thorough functional programming explanation and information on all key topic areas Java programmers need to know. You’ll cover Java inside and out, and learn how to apply it efficiently and effectively to create solutions applicable to real-world scenarios. Work confidently with operators, conditionals, and loops Understand object-oriented design principles and patterns Master functional programming fundamentals

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I've been reading the OCA Java 8 book both as a general refresher on Java and in preparation for
I really like this book; here is why:

1) Concise yet readable style. Complicated concepts are explained simply and intuitively, obscure edge cases pointed out as such, and, well, it’s fun to read, which matters in a certification book (the genre normally tends to double as non-medical sleeping aid).

2) The book started with a self assessment. I’ve been programming Java since 2002, and this was a humbling experience -- I proceeded to get half of the questions wrong. Ego issues aside, this was great because it made me pay more attention to the sections that I knew I did not get right.

3) Portability. The pages are mercifully thin, the book is a paperback -- I can actually carry it around. I’ve lifted the old Java6 SCJP book (effectively a nerdy coffee table book, precisely 2 inches thick and printed on heavy stock), so I would say that making a portable cert book is an accomplishment. Granted, it helps that the exam got split up into 2 parts -- there is a lot less to cover for OCA. Still, this book feels to be less than a quarter of the McGraw-Hill SCJP tome weight.

4) Examples. Lots and lots of examples. The best way to find out that you don’t understand something is to trace an example and go, "what? no, that’s not what should happen", and then read the section the second time and realize that yes, that’s exactly what should happen.

5) Detailed explanations of self-assessment questions. This book does not just tell you "the answer was A, B and F", it tells you why all the other answers were wrong, in excellent detail.

Overall, I am very pleased with the book.
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