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This book has a lot of errors in, which I would consider to be a problem for anyone actually studying for the exam. I'd also agree that many of the topics tested on the exam are not fully covered here - I have already taken the exam, and several things were questioned that were not mentioned at all in the textbook. In addition, some of the errors were in the test questions and answers in both the book and downloaded material, which is very confusing. Overall I would say this book should only be
This book is almost useless. Namely, it is riddled with errors, doesn’t cover all the exam topics, examples are way too easy in comparison with the actual test and the 2 sample tests are easy too. I just took the online exam and passed. However:- most of the questions were about complex SQL statements, mostly joins and subqueries- the online test has a serious problem: namely, the question and the proposed answers are displayed in one tab and the table structures and table data are displayed in a second tab. Now the catch: the tabs can’t be viewed simultaneously. This is a major problem since you have to switch back and forth between the tabs and you forget either the exhibit or the question and the given answers. I easily scored over 95% on the practice tests (from this book and other sample tests) and barely got 75% on the real test. On a final note, I do have several years of hands-on SQL experience.

The book is a good resource to give you a overview of features. However, it does not reflect the actual exam scenarios. Topics that appeared most in the exam are discussed in lighter vein. I would suggest people to study the SQL programmer guide rather than exam guide. Once you are done with the detailed SQL programming, then you can briskly follow this one. Gave it one star as I found SQL Programmer guide more useful than this one. This one is worth reading but not very helpful to pass the exam.

I purchased this book in preparation for the Oracle Database 11g SQL Fundamentals 1 Exam. While the breadth of the material is good as it covers every topic on the exam, the presented examples are extremely simplified and often present a concept in its most basic form. In addition, the exercise questions at the end of each chapter are much too simplified. I downloaded a practice exam from Transcender and was amazed at the difference in complexity between the questions and exams provided by the book and those from Transcender. If you are taking the exam, the questions in the book as well as the exams will not fully prepare you for the exam. I highly recommend purchasing additional practice exams from Transcender; they have the look and feel of actual Oracle exam questions. I did find the study text in this book extremely useful and would recommend it in conjunction with some other study aid.

This book is an Introduction to SQL level book. If you know SQL a little bit, you will get very little out of this book. The chapters don’t go into detail and the questions seem to be dumbed down - they
don't look like realistic certification exam questions. Although it is not a certification book, if you would like to learn Oracle SQL I recommend Oracle SQL by Example (by Alice Rischert). This is one of the best book on Oracle SQL and you will learn a lot from it - not just superficial certification SQL.

I got this book in hopes of preparing me virtually 100% for my exam -_-It has most of the info needed and covers all the basics in a nice manner. The practice problems are great. However, the exam is more advanced than what is presented in this book and I ended up gathering questions online to practice for the exam because this alone didn’t do it. Good thing to have the practice CD but if you plan on taking the test, my suggestion is to look for specific 1z0-051 exam questions online as well.

The book covers all of the exam topics, but I wouldn’t say that it gives you enough information to pass the exam. Be sure to find another study guide to complement this material. Overall, I would say that this is the book to get, when compared to others that are out there.

The book is a great read with easy to read material. Be aware the example tables are already in 11g. I suggest installing the XE version if your not familiar with Oracle. This will give you a web based console if your not comfortable running 11G on your personal PC.

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