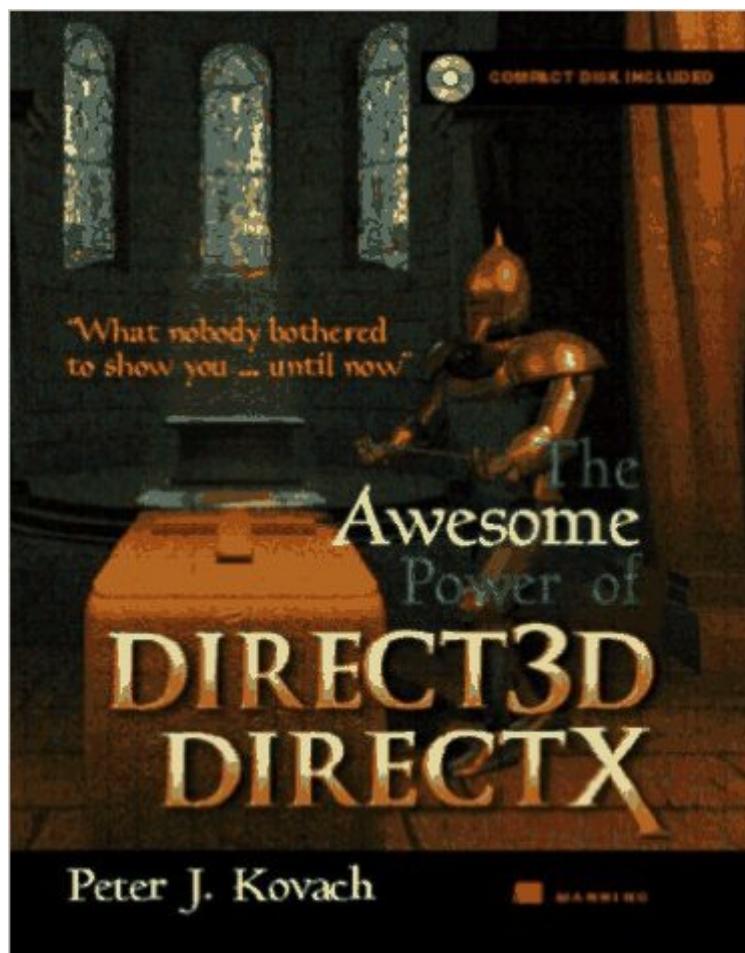


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## Customer Reviews

Generally when I read reviews on .com that simply say "This book is horrible, don't waste your money", I tend to ignore them. I find that probably half the people posting the reviews don't know how to program anyway, and so when they see a few lines of code they freak out and automatically decide the book sucks. That's the reason I bought this book, because not many of the reviews actually backed up their complaints with valid arguments. I have a slightly higher opinion of the book than most of the other reviewers, but I still find the book to be fairly bad. Specifically, the author has got to have some of the worst general programming skills I've ever seen. Maybe I'm spoiled because I'm a professional in the games industry, where code is usually very clean, efficient, and professional looking, but the code in this book is just absolute garbage. Every time I look at his code I get sick to my stomach. Some of the stupidest things I've seen in this book include (but are not limited to), the following:1) The use a global "Info" object to describe the state of D3D and the window. Even though it's global, the author uses SetWindowLong() to attach it to the window "so that it's always accessible". I've never seen anything so ridiculous in my life.2) The use of static C functions ALL OVER THE PLACE. Not static class member functions, but plain old static C functions (not that the use of static member functions all over the place would be any better, but I

don't think I've ever used a static C function in my life). In fact, the sole PURPOSE of declaring a non-member function static is so that it's not visible from any other file, so that you can use the same function name in other files.

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