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107 of 107 people found the following review helpful. An excellent way to enter ham radio.By Stephen HollandThis book is exactly right for someone who wants to become a ham radio operator. This book does two things. It is a self study course that will allow you to pass the Technician level FCC test. It is also a general introduction to all of ham

radio, covering the highlights of all that can be done in amateur radio. It has just the right level of sophistication to give a good understanding of all facets of amateur radio but does not get into such extreme detail that it is overwhelming. The technical level is just right as well. I used an earlier version of this text to study for my amateur radio license (KD4TTC). Even though I studied for the Technician license I was able to pass the written portion of the test for the General license class. However, to get to know Morse code, needed for working the frequencies that will get around the whole globe, you will need to find a way to practice receiving Morse code. While this book won't teach you Morse, you will learn from the book how to go about learning it if you want to. (As an aside, I was not interested in international communications back then, so I skipped that aspect of the hobby. I will be learning Morse this year and will upgrade. There is plenty to do with amateur radio without Morse code, so don't let any disinterest or fear of Morse stop you from becoming a Ham. The book explains all this). I have not yet come across any aspect of ham radio that was not described at least in overview in this book. I may not know details of lots of aspects of all that is ham radio, but I have not come across anything in Ham radio that I was not introduced to in this book. You can expect that after reading this book you will be able to pass the Technician license exam, you might even be able to pass the General license written portion, you will have learned how to learn Morse, you will be able to decide what equipment you will need and where to find it, you will be able to set up your station and safely operate it, you will know correct and responsible operating procedures, and you will learn about all the different types of communications you can do so you will pick the most enjoyable aspects of the hobby for yourself. I have given this book to friends so they can become hams. It works well for that purpose. I came here to buy a copy for yet another potential ham and found myself writing this long review. I am not really that avid of an amateur operator, but I am really enthusiastic about this book because it was such a fun and painless way to learn what I needed to know to get into ham radio. Buy the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Useful, but one might want amore updated book. By Stephen A good book to learn the basics in order to get a Ham Radio license. It would be better but the book is now a little outdated. However the basic knowledge has not changed, so it can still be useful. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Out of Date By James D. Welch This 5th edition, while the text contains good information, is virtually worthless as a prep for the Technician Class license exam. The pool of exam questions in this edition is only valid through June 30, 2007, making it useless as prep for a current exam. The current pool, valid through June 30, 2010, is significantly different from the 2007 pool. This could lead one to fail the exam and not get a license. Seller should highlight that this is not the most current issue. Fortunately, I had other materials and did prepare for the exam using the current pool of questions.

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