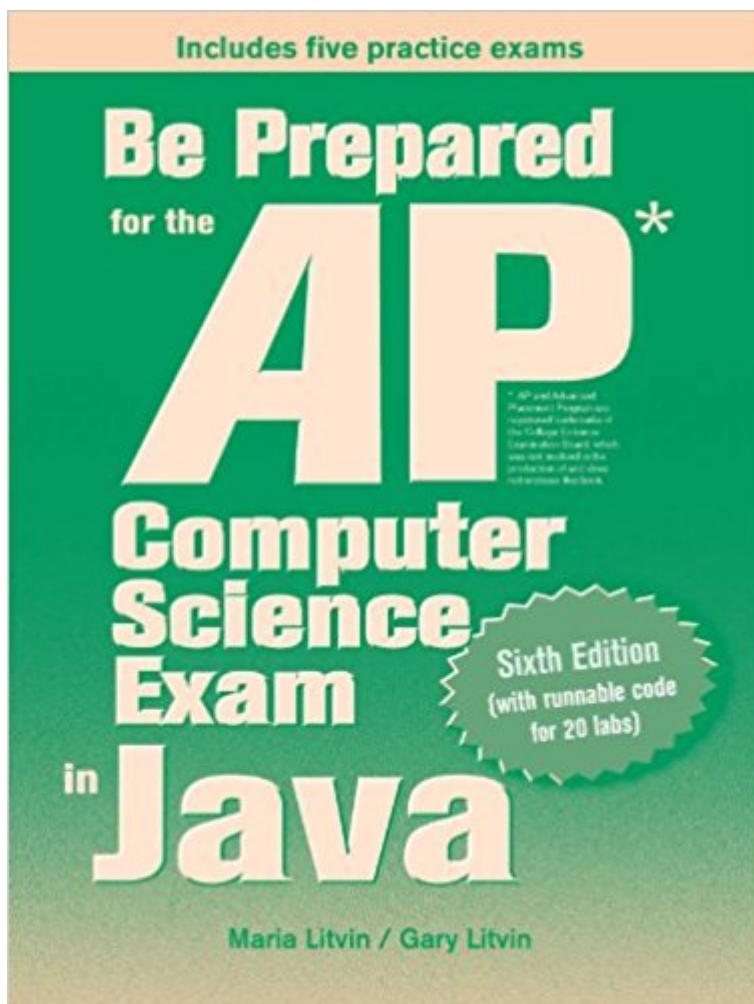


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# Be Prepared For The AP Computer Science Exam In Java



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My school's computer science program was a bit lackluster. Most people in the class goofed off and there was no formal instruction. Accordingly, with about a month until the AP, I started using this book to fill in the gaps of what I self taught myself. I got a 5 on the AP, so it prepared me rather well considering it was my main study material. It covered all the material and I did not see anything unexpected.

This is a good review book for last-minute review. Just reading the solutions doesn't help as much as this book could use more problem sets (that are more like the actual questions tested). This book also excludes some topics that are very important. A line warns you that there's an increased focus on algorithms "once again" but based on the 2015 AP, you absolutely need to be proficient in algorithms to succeed. That's not to say it was not helpful. It has pretty good tips. I would recommend using this book along with Barron's AP CSA. If you want to use just one book, go with Barron's.

Recommended by AP Computer Science teacher to prepare for the big test

Maira Litvin did a great job working on this book. The explanations are down to earth and the review questions are decent. I would recommend adding in some higher rigor questions to match that of the AP exam, but this book does a great job at the basics and intermediate level.

very nice book!

The 5 practice tests are really helpful.

The practice problems in this textbook were very similar to the problems on the AP test. This product I believe better prepared my for the AP test

This is an excellent book, I use it in conjunction with the Litvin's other AP book for class.

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