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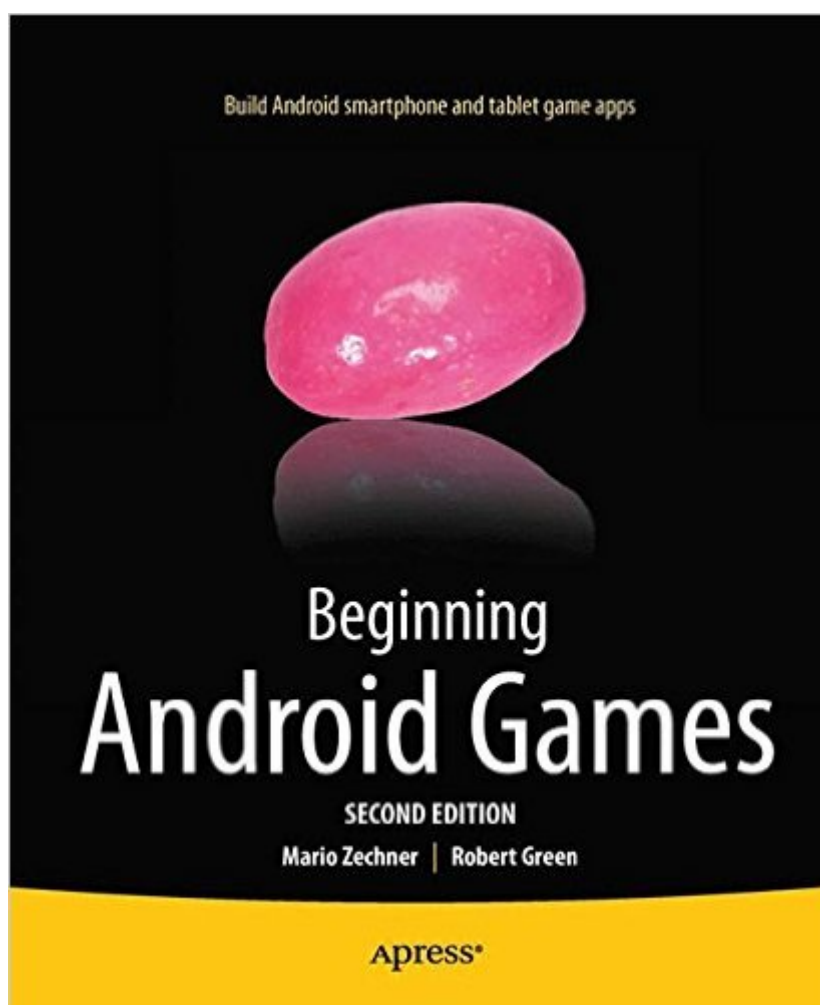
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Synopsis

Beginning Android Games, Second Edition offers everything you need to join the ranks of successful Android game developers, including Android tablet game app development considerations. Â You'll start with game design fundamentals and programming basics, and then progress toward creating your own basic game engine and playable game apps that work on Android and earlier version compliant smartphones and now tablets. This will give you everything you need to branch out and write your own Android games. The potential user base and the wide array of available high-performance devices makes Android an attractive target for aspiring game developers. Do you have an awesome idea for the next break-through mobile gaming title? Â Beginning Android Games will help you kick-start your project. Â This book will guide you through the process of making several example game apps using APIs available in new Android SDK and earlier SDK releases Â for Android smartphones and tablets: The fundamentals of game development and design suitable for Android smartphones and tablets The Android platform basics to apply those fundamentals in the context of making a game, including new File Manager system and better battery life management The design of 2D and 3D games and their successful implementation on the Android platform   This book lets developers see and use some Android SDK Jelly Bean; however, this book is structured so that app developers can use earlier Android SDK releases. Â This book is backward compatible like the Android SDK. Â

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Customer Reviews

A few things that make this book good:-It's updated! I own the first version of this book (Beginning Android Games 4) which was suppose to cover Android 4.0, but in reality was just the an older version of the book originally meant for Android 2.3 masked with the words "Android 4.0". You could tell it was old due all the screenshots being from phones running Android 2.3 and all the references in the book being years upon years old. This book however fixes all of that, it has truly been updated to Android 4.0. The screenshots have been replaced with ones from Android 4.0 and all the references are contemporary, i.e. the Android OS pie chart is updated to August 2012. Though in terms of code, not much has really changed. However this is to expected as the Android SDK doesn't change drastically with every new OS release.-It's easy to grasp. It gives you background information on Android and then takes you into basic operations like input and basic file I/O, then building a basic game afterwards. The chapter also flows a lot more nicely than the first edition as well.-They're new chapters/section compared to the first edition, with bugs in the code ironed out. This point is to mainly to show that this edition overhauls the book and is not just a minor update with the words "second edition" on it to milk money (if only college textbooks were like that...). For example, there's a new chapter that discusses marketing and advertisement.I do have to say though that it is a tad bit overwhelming at the start if you are just beginning with Java, though this does get better as you get further in the book because I do feel that the author explains everything nicely without being too over complicated and confusing.

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