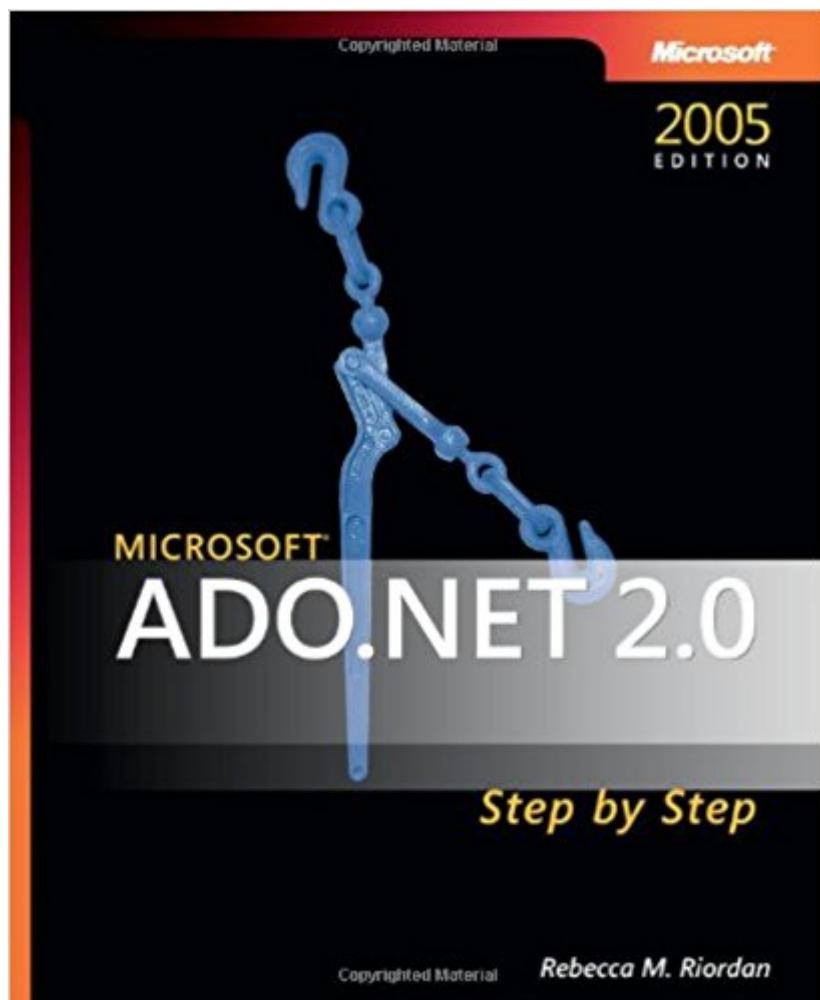


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- It's sloppily written. This book is filled with lousy code which "works" but is often incorrect. Some of this is just sloppy code (e.g. calling `ToString()` on properties which are already strings) but some of it is more serious, like the try-catch-finally blocks in the transaction chapter which attempt to trap `SqlExceptions` but won't catch the `DbExceptions` that are thrown on concurrency errors. Or how about when she says the `FieldCount` property of a `DataTableReader` returns the number of rows instead of columns (pp 143-4)? The whole book is filled with mistakes like this.- The explanations are terrible. I've read some of the other reviews where someone has claimed they learned a lot from this book. I don't mean to come off as a Mr. Smarty-Pants, but I don't think these people learned as much as they think they did. The problem is that the author just shows you n ways to do thing x without any context whatsoever. Like all the examples where you spend a lot of time reading about different ways to add relations, constraints, etc. to `DataSets`. That's super but most people will never do that - you set that up in the DATABASE, not in your program code. The average person will use the `DataSource` wizard to generate all that code magically from a properly set up database. The author is just giving you a more verbose and hand-holding version of MSDN instead of really showing you how to use ADO.NET. The chapter on transactions (chapter 5) is a great example of how she fails to explain anything. Look on page 114 and ask yourself why you add the insert commands to the transaction but then call the update commands. Why do you think you do that?

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