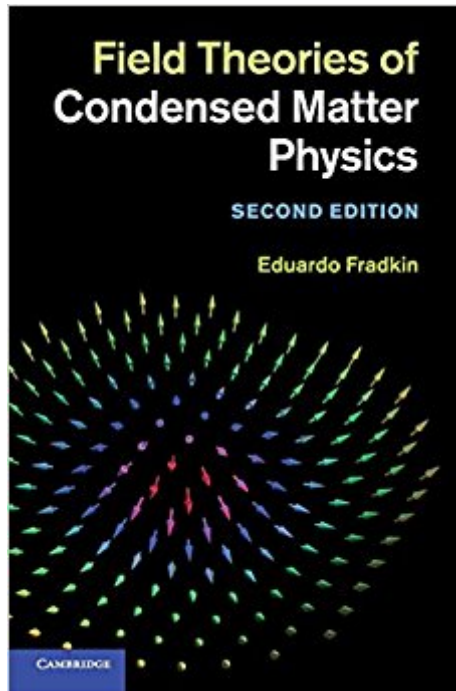




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The book is excellent and filled my expectations

This is, to my knowledge, the most comprehensive book on field theory techniques of condensed matter physics. If at a seminar you heard a concept that you never heard before, this is the textbook you would go to to find out what it is. However, after numerous attempts to follow several different chapters, I find this textbook very, very hard to follow -- at some places it is so technical as to swamp the reader into derivations without knowing where they would lead to, while at other places it is too terse, so that some crucial steps are omitted. Quite often, only when I go to the original paper, I could understand what the author had meant -- but in that case why read the book in the first place?

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This is the best book on the subject for self studies. Excellent build up of the physical problems. The mapping from physical intuition to mathematical formulation then naturally follows. As you work through the models and proofs, you can feel the ease with which the author uses his mathematical mastery to tackle the physical problem at hand.

The selected topics are interesting and useful for research. However, there are plenty of errors in this book, which makes it almost impossible to use any calculation detail without checking carefully. I wish avid readers of this book could make an errata by sharing their checking.

Nice book, like new!

Great book!

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