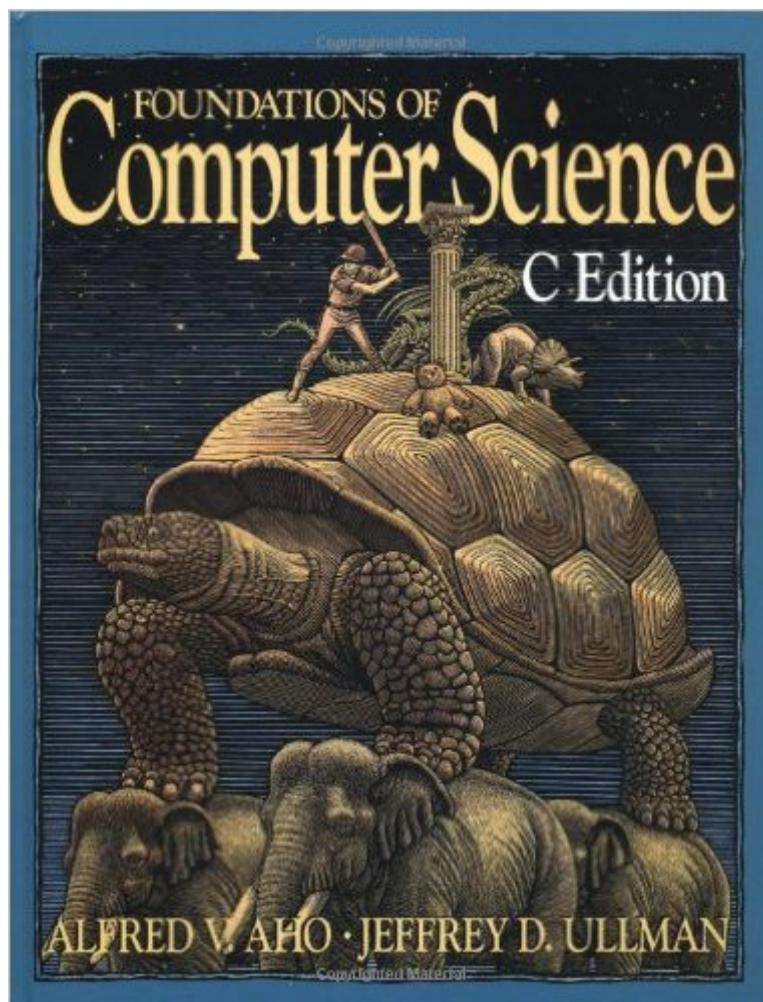


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I've studied a lot of theoretical computer science and mathematics. I've been studying the "MMIXware: A RISC Computer for the Third Millennium" by Knuth, and the MMIX processor is implemented in C. I don't know C well, and I'm still learning to "code", so I have been looking for a book that discusses both. I ultimately ended up going with "C Programming: A Modern Approach, 2nd Edition". It's highly informal and verbose. None of the examples have any depth to them. There are no proofs. I then went with "Algorithms in C" by Sedgewick. There is depth there, but still verbose. In most cases this book's a great reference when I'm stuck understanding something in "The Art of Computer Programming". There are few proofs in "Algorithms in C". I know Sedgewick is world-class though, and that he's "dumbed down" his "algorithms" books; so much content regarding some topics is omitted, and the explanations are usually missing a lot. I know this because Sedgewick's definitions usually contain much less information than Knuth's when discussing topics both cover. His other two books are highly proof-based and outstanding, but neither deal explicitly with C. ("Analytic Combinatorics" and "An Introduction to the Analysis of

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