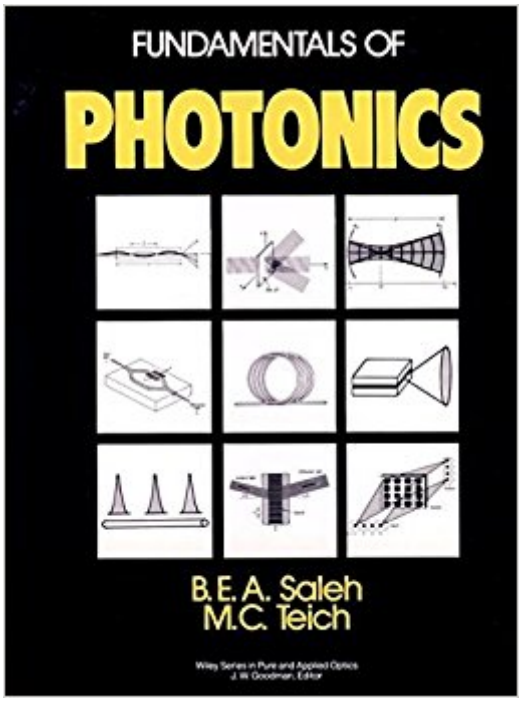
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Covers the interaction of optics and electronics and their important applications in lasers, optical fibers and semiconductor optical devices. Examines the four theories of light--ray, wave, electromagnetic and photon optics as well as the theory of interaction of light with matter. Numerous applications and examples of actual systems are also provided.

I took a graduate level Introduction to Photonics class last semester...until I dropped it in October. The professor was not great, and when I tried to get what I needed from the book, I'd instead be greeted by a few "of courses" followed by the result, without every actually proving or explaining anything.So I give this book three stars because while it is awful as a textbook and if your professor assigns this book in an intro class you really should find another one to supplement, I could tell that it's probably a good reference book. I have another book on my shelf (the Boas Math Methods book) that is like that too--great reference if you need to remember something, not good for learning something. But I had a great professor for the course we used Boas in, so that was okay, and I still refer back to it even now.I also spoke to someone who stuck out the class and I described the book to as "this book is written for people who already know photonics." He agreed that once he finally got to the point of being comfortable with the foundational material and the class moved into some more specific applications--and therefore he had become part of this book's audience--that the book became a lot more useful.So yes, awful textbook, probably a good reference if you already know the material. 3 stars to reflect this ambiguity.

The book came ripped in the side, not so pleased cause it said "new".

The book "Fundamental of Photonics" is one of the most comprehensive textbooks in applied optics available now. Each chapter not only has in-depth of the topic at hand, but also includes a host of basic and advanced applications of the concept dealt with. This is the Bible of optics.

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It’s a 1991 edition I guess. And a little wear. But for the price still OK

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