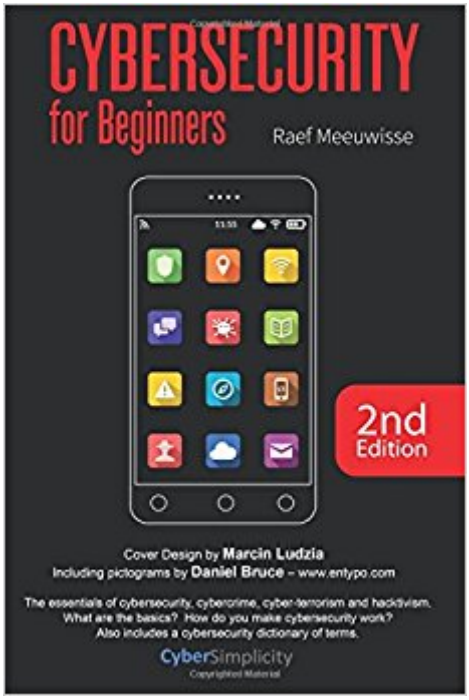
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This book provides an easy insight into the essentials of cybersecurity, even if you have a non-technical background. You may be a business person keen to understand this important subject area or an information security specialist looking to update your knowledge.'The world has changed more in the past 10 years than in any 10 year period in human history... Technology is no longer a peripheral servant, it shapes our daily lives.Companies that can use technology wisely and well are booming, companies that make bad or no technology choices collapse and disappear.The cloud, smart devices and the ability to connect almost any object to the internet are an essential landscape to use but are also fraught with new risks and dangers of a magnitude never seen before.ALSO featuring an alphabetical section at the back of the book to help you translate many of the main cybersecurity technical terms into plain, non-technical English.This is the second edition of this book with updates and additional content.If you are looking for a book on personal cybersecurity steps, try my other publication "How to Keep Your Stuff Safe Online"

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Being a person who is unashamedly lazy when it comes to reading, I knew I was looking for a book that would keep my interest and not get too bogged down in the jargon and technical terms of Cyber Security. After all, I was a beginner and I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t want to overwhelm myself any more than I knew it would be, being such an extensive subject.Having become increasingly more interested in the world of Cyber Security, I sought out the best possible book for me to get my teeth into. Searching , I was presented with a smÃƒÂ¶rgÃƒÆ'Ã Â¥sbord of books, which no doubt we all have experienced with the more popular subject matters.Cyber Security for Beginners caught my attention, admittedly, by its title and eye-catching front cover (Yes, I am one of those that will use my visual senses first!). I took a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“puntÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and ordered the book.One of the first things that sent my imagination into overdrive was the mention of a Faraday Cage. DonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know what it is? Essentially, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a cage that can protect devices from an EMP attack (Electromagnetic Pulse). How very James Bond!Boyish imagination to one side, this book did not read like a technical manual and neither did it come across in a pompous or IT elitist manner. Cyber Security for Beginners was really a book written for beginners. There are clear explanations for all aspects of Cyber Security, as well as a little extra information for the more challenging parts of the subject. In addition, there is a glossary at the back of the book for further reference. The book gave me the confidence to take my interest one step further by beginning studying for the relevant IT certifications. I now use it as a reference to certain components of Cyber Security for my IT studies.Cyber Security for Beginners is a book I would highly recommend, if only to begin to understand how Cyber Security affects every person and why we need to be that little more vigilant online. I think the real bonus was the personable nature the author put across in his style of writing. He was humble, patient with his explanations and even humorous, at times.

So full disclosure that I've known Raef for a number of years as a colleague and friend. That fact makes it harder for me to be unbiased about this book compared to a work written by an author that I've never met. That said, I feel that this book is an excellent resource. What sets Raef's coverage apart from others in my opinion is two things: 1) the clarity/transparency of the writing and 2) the case studies that he uses to illustrate the points he makes.First, Raef does an excellent job of making difficult concepts easy to understand through *how* he writes. He's able to write in a manner that is both conversational and approachable, but that doesn't "talk down" to the reader. Moreover, he is careful to ground the topics he covers in "real world" examples that help to explain why the reader should care.This book covers quite a bit of ground: from fundamental security concepts to more advanced and technical topics. For a non-practitioner with an interest in security, this is the

perfect introduction. It gives them the fundamentals supported by real-world evidence of why they matter. For the beginning practitioner, this provides a fantastic starting point as it serves as a sort of "gateway" to the security community. A new or more junior practitioner can directly "springboard" from this work into areas where they might need to do more detailed research for their particular job. This book lays out in detail the fundamental concepts that they need to understand to approach that material.All in all a great resource.

I was surprised how enjoyable I found this book. Cyber security is a potentially dry topic but this makes it interesting, informative and engaging - it used good, clear examples at each step. It wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t too long and it didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t get caught up in technical detail - but it did cover all of the main components and objectives that running cyber for an enterprise environment requires.This book unpacked the subject in a straightforward and understandable way. I think it is great if you want to get into this subject as a profession or just need to understand it for work, as a journalist, business exec etc. Highly recommended.

This is a really fascinating book on the discipline of cybersecurity. I originally read the 1st edition, given the increasing number of stories that were appearing in the national news relating to matters of cybersecurity, so was curious to find out more. I had tried some other books, but found that they got too bogged down in overly technical descriptions, and consequently never managed to finish reading them. This book is different; it is spot on with itsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ easy read structure and simple explanations of basic technical terms. Any jargon is explained, and there is a useful dictionary of terms in the back of the book. I found I easily devoured this book from start to finish with no feelings of wanting a break from reading the next chapter. Having said this, it is also a book that you can pick up and select out certain chapters that are of particular interest to you, without having read the preceding ones, and not feel out of your depth. The writer clearly has a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity, but has managed to convey that knowledge in a very easy and enjoyable writing style, where others have failed. I was particularly engaged by the Chapters ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœHuman FactorsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ and ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœA Glimpse toward the FutureÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢; a real eye opener. If you want a solid introduction to cybersecurity then read this book.

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