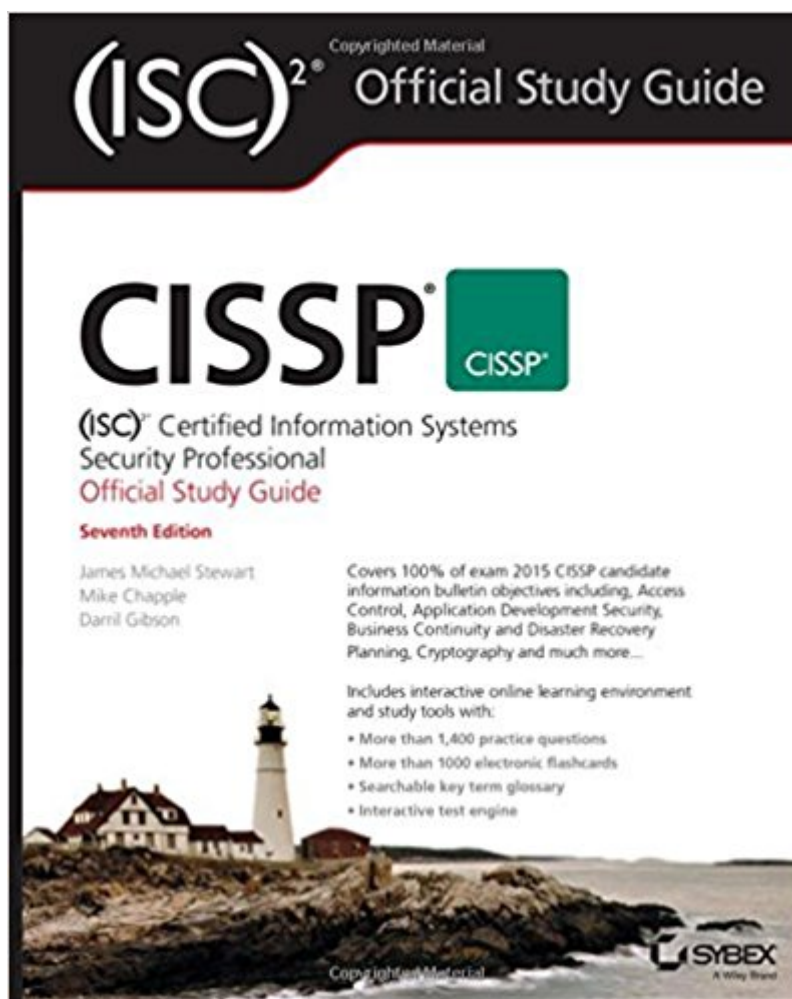


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hours. Then I went through and did all the questions I was not so sure on for two more hours. The feeling I had during the exam was one of dread. The questions felt like they were written by a lawyer and required an intense concentration to even understand what they were asking. At one point I told myself I can always try again and read another book if I failed. The practice questions were tricky in this book but they are not written the same strange way as the real exam in my opinion. Anyways I did pass the test. I was quite happy! So do I recommend the book? Absolutely! It was enough for me to pass first try in 4 hours.

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practical things that a security engineer would already know. My primary comment concerning the book and the chapter questions and practice exams is that most of the provided questions are fairly straightforward. When taking the real exam, I found the questions notably more difficult because I often had to read the question a second (or third!) time to really understand what was being asked. I took all four practice exams as if they were real exams. I completed all four in under two hours each and scored 78%, 82%, 84% and 89% (I think the final test was the easiest of the four). The real CISSP exam took me about 3.5 hours and all I know is that I passed. TAKE YOUR TIME. READ EVERY QUESTION CAREFULLY. READ ALL THE ANSWERS AND AFTER YOU PICK ONE, REREAD THE QUESTION TO MAKE SURE YOUR ANSWER STILL SOUNDS GOOD. It's not a race or a contest. What matters is that you pass it and don't have to pay for a retake! Every CISSP exam is a bit different but I found mine hit a couple areas really hard (SDLC specifically) but the practice exams just barely touched on them. It is important to read the entire book.

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