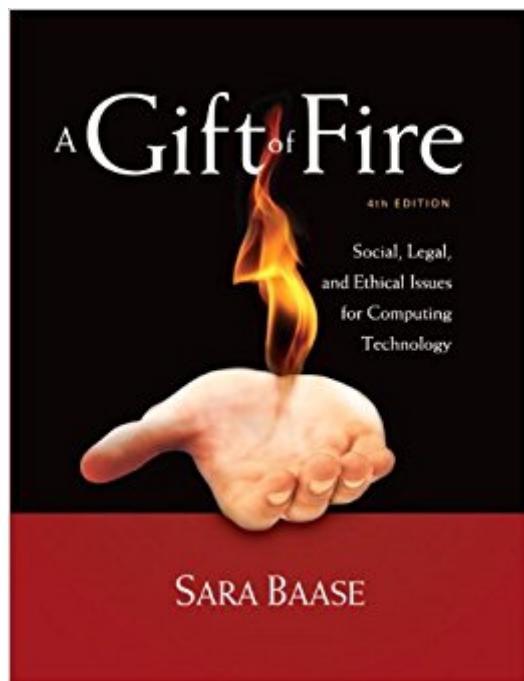


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Sara Baase is Professor Emeritus with the Department of Computer Science, San Diego State University, where she won awards for outstanding teaching. Her textbooks in computer science have been translated into several languages. Dr. Baase received her doctoral degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Bought the textbook for a class. Worked fine and had all the material I needed.

Gives many examples of ethical or legal issues that arise or could arise because of computer technology. It's easy to read, but at times it feels a little redundant and verbose.

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This book was truly terrific, informative, and quite educational. I love it and we read it from chapter to chapter. We used it consistently throughout my 8 weeks of class. Great book, even to read if you are not taking the class.

Needed this book for my class. Was great!!!!!!

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Came in quick and looked brand new. Great price.

This book covers subjects ranging from hacking to telecommuting to proper testing techniques and everything in between. The author remains neutral, presenting benefits and risks equally throughout the book, and a great deal of history in the process. Her style is to ask questions of the reader to help with critical thinking. The text includes many real world examples and flows well, making this an easy and informative read.

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