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#### Review

"This book serves both as a general introduction to geographic information systems (GIS) and as a manual for a variety of functions of the ArcGIS Desktop applications. The exercises are full of useful, valuable hints and tricks that are not always found in other manuals and handbooks." (*The Professional Geographer*, May 2008)

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