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The author is an internationally recognized acoustician whose pioneering research in the field of nearfield acoustical holography has impacted acoustics research and development throughout the world. Dr. Williams' research has been formally recognized by NRL as one of its most innovative technologies over the past 75 years. Relying little on material outside the book, Fourier Acoustics will be invaluable as a graduate level text as well as a reference for researchers in academia and industry. The book is unique amongst acoustics texts, it is well illustrated and it includes exercises to enforce the theory.

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