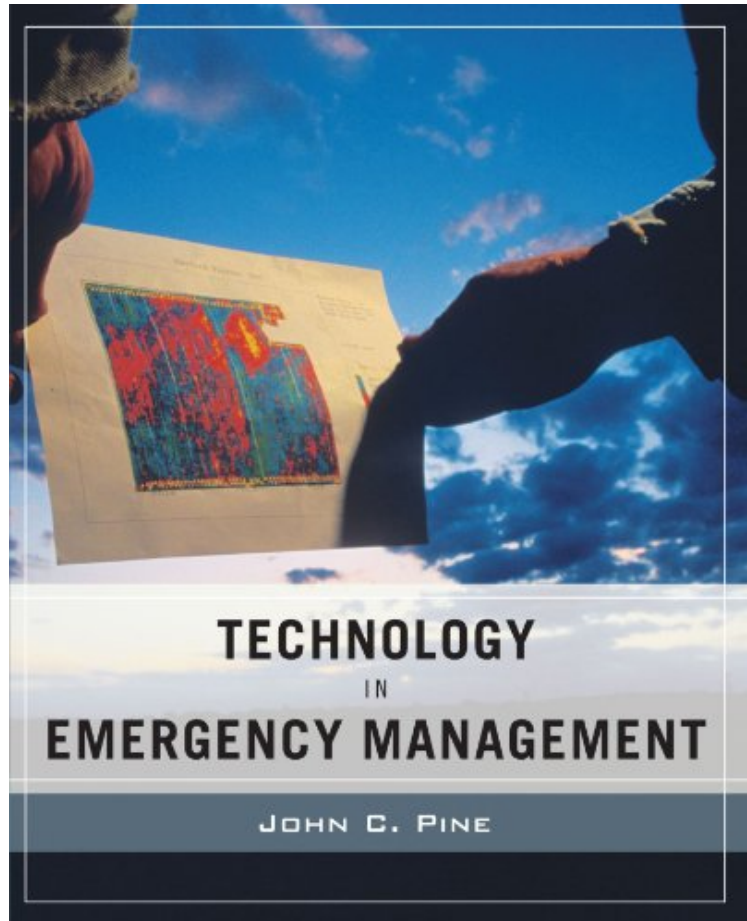


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**John C. Pine : Technology in Emergency Management** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Technology in Emergency Management:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Badly Written and Badly EditedBy ElderbearThere are other books out there on emergency management. They cannot possibly all be as poorly written as this one. The writer is not particularly articulate, but that's the least of this books problems. Much of the technology is dated. The book, copyright 2007, keeps bringing up the issue that internet access may be compromised by "busy signals." When referring to GPS, he states that it has 30 meter resolution (that improved under President Clinton!).The reader is advised to purchase "the fastest computer possible" to run GIS applications. It was a bit slow, but I could run ESRI's ARCmap OK on my 2.8 GHz P4. My laptop runs an Intel Core i3 and handles GIS applications just fine. I don't need to plop down several grand to purchase a super-fast Xeon based machine.On page 63 he states "Geocoding is the graphic representation, usually in the form of a point on a map [of address data]." Never mind that there's not a comma after "map," the fourth

word "graphic" should actually be "geographic." This error makes a tremendous difference in the meaning of the sentence and in how somebody unfamiliar with GIS would understand the chapter. This is not an isolated error, just one I recently ran across. The book has plenty of logical errors, too. He's discussing GIS and says (p. 70) "Staff do not fully understand the technology prior to extensive training." Really? If they did, they wouldn't need the training! Again, this is just one example of a problem that crops up over and over. To add insult to injury, on p. 114, where he's discussing using satellites for remote sensing and imaging, he posts a picture of the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) carried on board satellites to produce these images--at least that's what the picture caption says. The picture there is one of a child's toy radiometer, such as carries: Radiometer. This book feels pieced together by somebody who wanted a book contract but didn't know much about the subject he was covering. I haven't finished the book yet, but the first third of it has been so bad that I cannot imagine ever recommending this title to anybody. If you are a professor thinking of using this for a class--please don't! You will really annoy your students if you require them to plop down \$56 on this paperweight! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Textbook. By Kindle Customer The book does a fine job of explaining what explaining what and why every EMA should have at least for minimal technology tools. Then it goes on to explain some other tools and software packages well worth considering, like various disaster modeling software. The book proves the point that a modest investment in technology will pay big dividends in an EMA, both in day to day work as well as responding to actual disasters. Some of the web sites listed in the book are not current; but a search engine makes quick work of that. One thing not mentioned at all is the wealth of information available on [...] not only weather but hydrology data as well. Again, when the book was released, the USGS and NOAA sites were likely the only public places to get such data. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. shipping took forever By Customer The book itself was great. However I ordered it on Jan 11th and it didnt arrive until Feb 3rd. Not very useful for a textbook needed for classes.

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