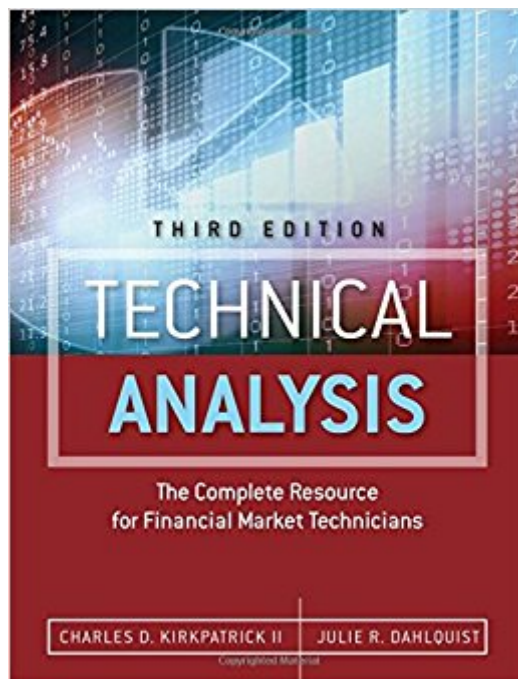




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This is a good book for an introduction to technical analysis. That said, it is a bit dry and does focus a lot on studies and indicators that may not be relevant to everybody. There are better books out there no doubt, but this a comprehensive intro book. It is structured very much like a text book and does talk about some academic nonsense at times, but still the information may be useful for a novice. It is not a fast read since it is so dry at times, but the book does span a lot of topics which are all important. Overall, I would recommend the text as a start in technical analysis, but there are much better books. Still, this is a solid book.

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This book was for my technical analysis class, and I now wish I had purchased it as a hardcover. It was written in an easy-to-understand fun-to-read way. The difficult concepts were broken down and explained step-by-step to ensure complete understanding. There IS a lot of material that is covered; but it is a wonderful reference book for all tech analysis topics. If you're a student or undertaking investing on your own, this book is a must. I suggest reading Reminiscences of a Stock Operator hand-in-hand in order to see tech analysis in practice.

I Had read parts of it before it was lost during a move. I bought another copy and am about half way through reading chronologically. It can be a little dry but in all it is a great overview text. The appendixes are great. I think the chapters on system design and testing and risk management provide sound advice for anyone building algorithmic trading systems.

This book was recommended to me by my broker. This is a very informative book if one is wanting to learn Technical Analysis. It is very easy to read and understand. Of course I have been investing in the stock market all my life and have read many of articles and books so maybe now it is starting to all sink in for me to understand investing.

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