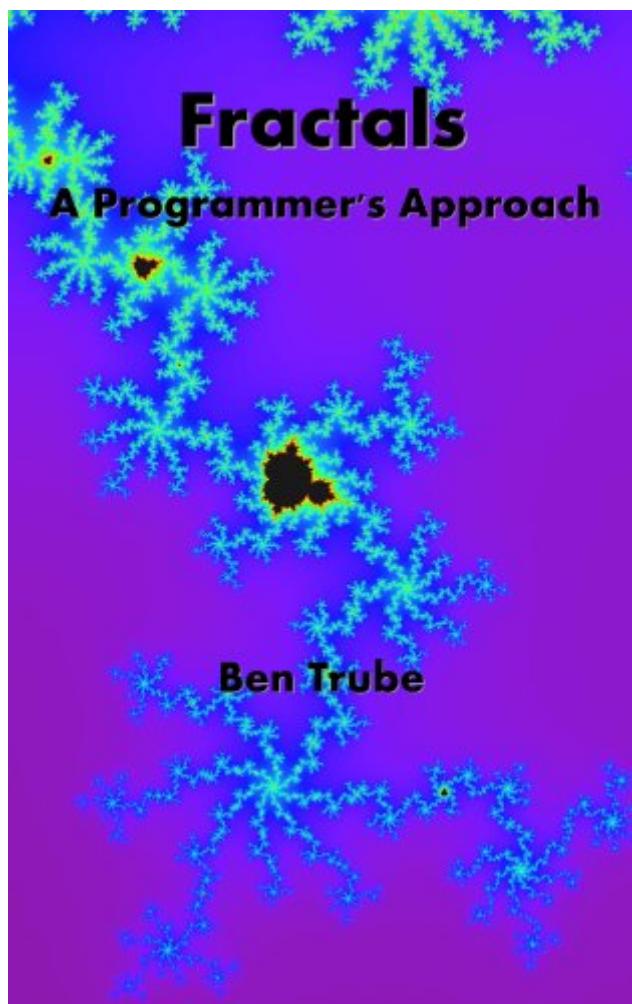


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Excellent programmer's book with easy source code to understand how to actually DO fractals in C. However, a lot in the book is devoted to build SVG vectorial and bitmap outputs and save them on disk which, even if cool, is not at all what I expected from a fractals book, since I only wanted to GENERATE the fractals. Even so, the book is long enough to explain every aspect of fractal building in a computer and the inner workings of doing so. I would have liked some explanations on WHY do fractals appear under such conditions, but I suppose that would be the scope of another book entirely. Anyway, a little chapter with some explanations on the why and how of fractals in general

terms would have made this book almost perfect. (right now, the book teaches you how to build a fractal, but not why are those fractal patterns appearing from pseudo random points for example. It neither explains what makes those specific patterns special over any other possible pattern.) What I really liked is everything is explained in plain c code, not in math notation, which is what I needed :)

If you have stumbled upon this book and you're asking yourself what a Fractal is and considering clicking the back button, please hear me out. I'm no math genius but after purchasing this book I feel as if I might have more knowledge and confidence in what I know. Now I can't say that Fractals are my new hobby, but they are pretty cool. This book is a great beginner's guide to understanding Fractals and if that doesn't interest you then maybe the pretty pictures, as I call them, at the end of the book will. I had no idea that math could create such wonderful art. If you think that you would have the slightest interest in learning something new, then I would highly suggest this book.

If you're as much of a geek as I am, you may have looked at beautiful fractal images and wondered: how do they make those? Wonder no more. If you have a little working knowledge of math and programming, Ben Trube's instructions and enthusiasm will take you the rest of the way. He walks you through each of the programs step by step, and shows you how to tailor them to your own preferences. From the Sierpinski Triangle to the Mandelbrot Set, this book has you covered. Bonus: tons of pretty pictures!

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