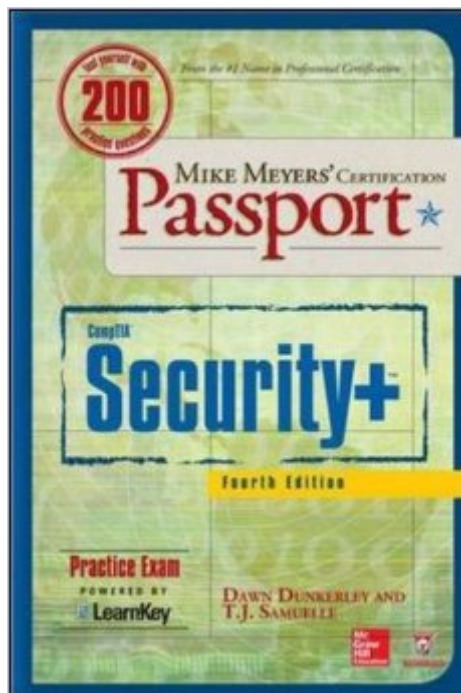


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I used books written by Mike Meyers to pass A+ and Net+ exams, both of which were written very well, contained minimal errors, and provided comprehensive coverage without unnecessary

repetition. I have to say, this book left something to be desired. First of all, Mike Meyers is not the author as the title might suggest, he is the editor (and a poor one at that). This book, which was written by two other authors, was haphazardly put together with apparently little collaboration. This becomes apparent as the reader progresses through the book, as a number of topics are inadequately covered with very little detail, often repetitively. Readers will feel a sense of déjà vu several times throughout the book, thinking "hasn't this been covered already, and this new explanation is equally vague." I am recently CCNA - Security certified; I can say based off of that training that some of the assertions in this book are either inaccurate or do not tell the entire story. Furthermore, the knowledge that readers will acquire from this book is more theoretical than practical, which may be more of a critique on the Security+ objectives themselves rather than any neglect of authorship in this regard. The book contradicts itself and contains a number of obvious grammatical and pedagogical errors. For example, on page 351 the authors write "most computer viruses self-replicate without the knowledge of the computer user." Yet on page 356, the authors assert that a worm self-replicates, writing "Compare this to viruses, which cannot self-replicate." This is not an anomaly within the book, but an example of one of many frustrating mistakes that are confusing to the reader. I was disappointed in this book, which I had bought because I was familiar with and loved the editor's previous books.

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