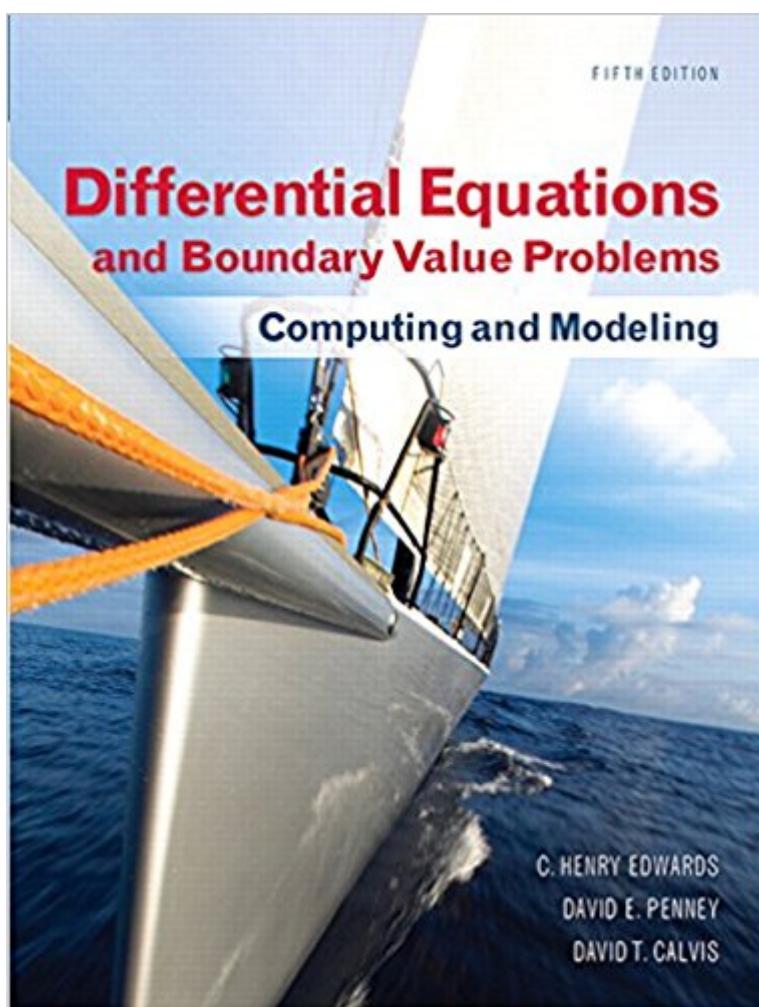


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Customer Reviews

C. Henry Edwards is emeritus professor of mathematics at the University of Georgia. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee in 1960, and recently retired after 40 years of classroom teaching (including calculus or differential equations almost every term) at the universities of Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Georgia, with a brief interlude at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) as an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the University of Georgia's honoratus medal in 1983 (for sustained excellence in

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This book is great if you know Differential Equations. I had a professor that did not teach intricacies well, he gave us the basics and left us to learn the harder stuff on our own. This book sucks to learn from as it is not clear at times on explaining concepts and jumps through steps that are helpful when learning a process. There are great examples that are relative to the real world in this book which is what I liked best about it. The problems I have with this textbook are similar to the problems I have with most math textbooks. It's written by professors for professors and leaves the students scratching their heads...

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