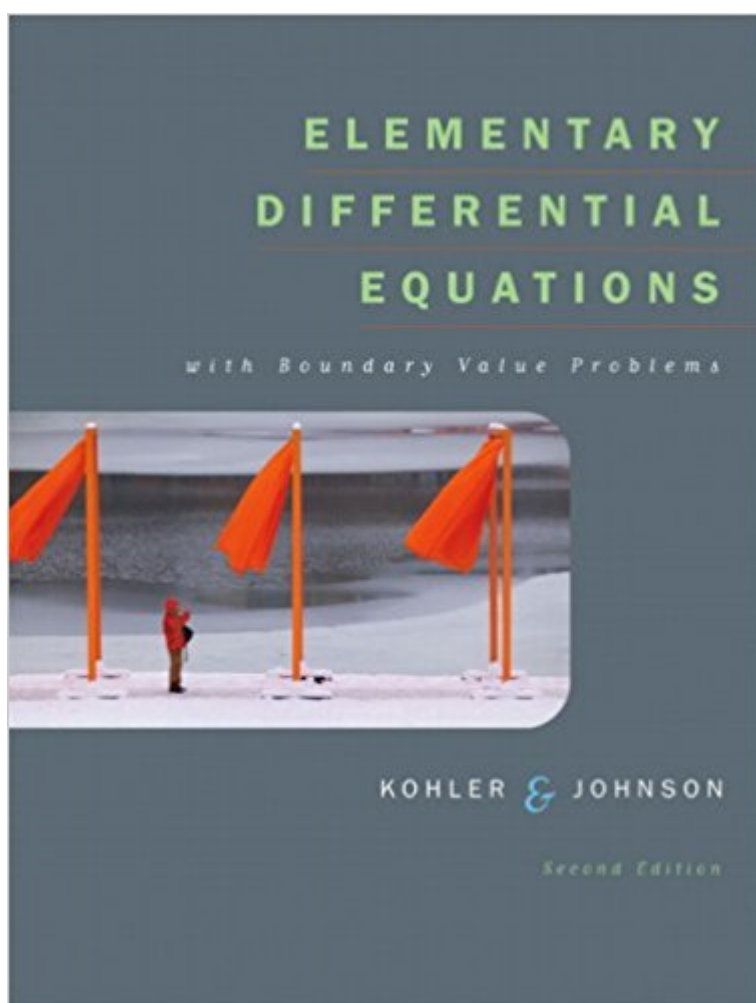The book was found

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Textbook arrived in excellent condition, no complaints

By far one of the WORST books I've ever used for a course in my entire life. As a student who is now on his last semester for his Bachelor's degree of Mechanical Engineering I can say with confidence this book is absolutely horrible. The explanations for elementary topics are so drawn out and that it makes things far more complicated than they should be. More over, when the book address the more complex aspects of this field, it skips so many steps in the examples that they might not was well be there at all. Most examples in the book go from one algebraic step to another by just saying "as you can see it just becomes..." when in reality they omit upwards of 10 steps, making it completely useless. Much of my time spent in this book was not even on working out the exercises at all, but instead just trying to figure all the omitted steps in the example problems to understand the material before I could even attempt the exercises. Unless you have a VERY firm base knowledge of Differential Equations absolutely DO NOT READ THIS BOOK. You will spend more time banging your head against it than actually getting anything out of it!!!

This is, without a doubt, the worst textbook I have ever had the intense displeasure of working with. It offers long-winded, confusing explanations for simple topics, and over-simplified or completely absent explanations for the more complicated material. Examples are rare and convoluted. I believe that they did this in an attempt to illustrate more than one concept per example, but this only serves to confuse the student. The examples frequently shorten steps, or omit them entirely. The exercises themselves are a nightmare. They are poorly laid out, inconsistent, and reference material that has yet to be covered. Instructors, if you are considering this book as a primary text for your Differential Equations course, don't. This book adds layers of frustration and confusion to an already challenging subject.

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