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Subject: Re: Wasting Time with Books

Posted by [stin.wang](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2007 09:22:22 GMT

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On Mar 25, 5:42 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,  
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> Tired of writing IDL programs? Need something to do at  
> work that \*looks\* like work, but isn't? Then you've  
> come to the right place!  
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> I was cleaning though one of my drawers the other day  
> and came upon a list of books I had read in 1976. Very  
> illuminating. (Well, for me, anyway. I'm not sure about you.)  
> In any case, I've decided to keep a list for 2007, too,  
> so I can compare it to 30 years ago.  
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> But, of course, now I can do it in a public way so that  
> those of you who care about books can make suggestions  
> about what I should be reading. Consider this an experiment  
> to see what in the world the nerds actual read when they  
> aren't writing IDL programs. :-)  
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> I've put the 2007 list here:  
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> [http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote\\_reading.html](http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote_reading.html)  
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> And the 1976 list here:  
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> [http://www.dfanning.com/reading/list\\_1976.html](http://www.dfanning.com/reading/list_1976.html)  
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> What I would like to have is a page where famous  
> people in the IDL community (i.e, anyone who has  
> ever posted an article on this newsgroup) lists their  
> top five favorite books (on ANY subject), along with  
> a short note, if they like, about the books. I think  
> it would be extremely interesting to see the result.  
> You can publish anonymously if you like, but I would  
> prefer that you give me permission to publish your  
> name along with your list. (No contact information,  
> however.) Send me your list!  
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> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.

- > Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
- > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>
- > Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

I'm born in 1977, i had never thought david born so early.  
by the way ,you read so many books this year. i can show you a list of mine this year ,but i'm not sure which one is my faverate.  
because i live in china, most of book i read is written in chinese, i must say it's hard to find a good book about idl. i can buy two books about idl in market.

i must say these books are poorly helpful, expecially the last one , but i can't find other book in china.

other books i read recently are something about Visual base 2005(because i was ask to develop a MIS), and some linux books.  
owo, i also read some novels or biographies , like zhuangzi, a famous ideologist in ancient times.

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