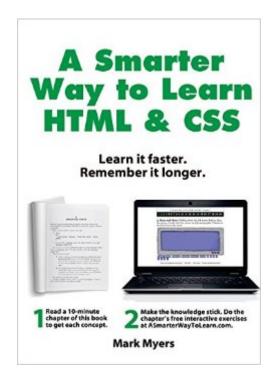# A Smarter Way To Learn HTML & CSS: Learn It Faster. Remember It Longer. (Volume 2)

Synopsis

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My background is a freelance front-end web developer, and I instruct students in this area. I got this book to see if it could perhaps serve to assist students in improving their html and css.My advice to a novice learner wishing to teach themselves proper html and css coding: avoid. I have been teaching this subject for many years, and while reading the book, I was a bit dismayed to see the bad coding practices Mark Myers teaches his readers, and all the essential topics missing.For example, throughout his css he keeps prefixing the tag selector to ID selectors and class selectors, which creates convoluted code, and is just completely unnecessary - in the case of classes it works against recycling css code as well. Other bad examples include overqualified selectors, content

style definitions which are reliant on their parent layout container, the use of ID selectors everywhere, and other basic mistakes.More worrying still are all the missing topics which are quite essential for any beginner to become aware of:- specificity is nowhere mentioned;- the box model and its consequences are not explained anywhere;- margin collapse is ignored;- responsive design is briefly mentioned, with no real intention of explaining how responsive designed pages actually are setup;- the concept of validating html and css code is completely left out of the equation (and some of his html examples do NOT validate, and contain errors!);- and more.At least inheritance is explained somewhat, and the difference between the block level and inline level display behaviour.

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