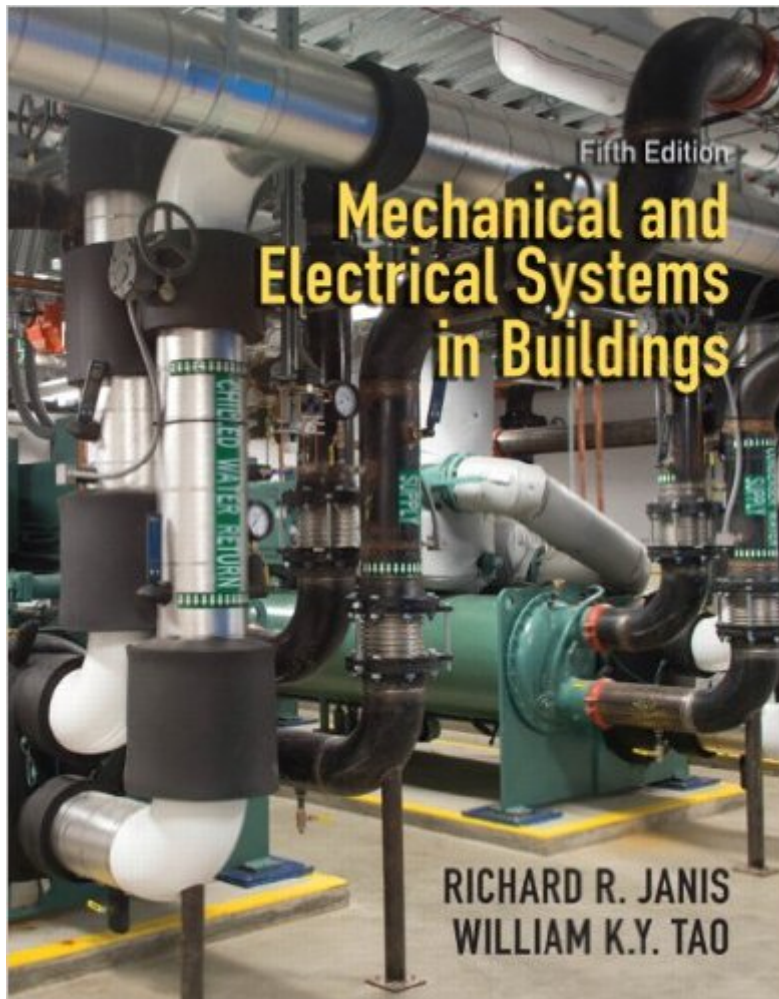


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Recommend to property management personnel.

This book is helpful and instructive for what its purpose is used for. I would say it is slightly technical and was somewhat hard for me to read, but for the subject I would not complain about being too over my head. I would say this is an excellent book, but a tough read for just one semester. It is being used to supplement another class I am now taking.

I'll give it three stars because there are a lot of interesting charts the authors put in the book from ASHRAE and ANSI and stuff. Be careful when your doing the examples though. I would say at least 20% of them have incorrect numbers, words, or formulas.

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