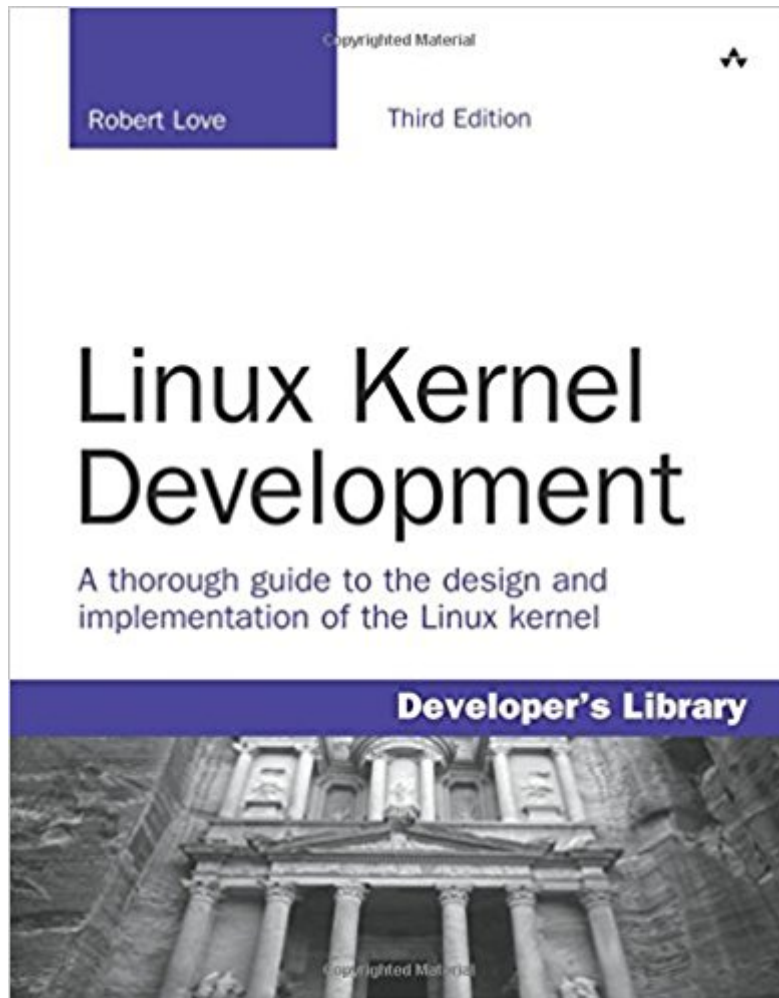




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It's surprising how helpful this book is, considering how little material is actually inside. You need several other books, in order to get started properly (Linux Device Drivers; Understanding the Linux Kernel; and Linux Kernel Architecture, mainly). However, this is still worth owning, primarily because the subject has so much depth that a clear, high-level description of what's going on is invaluable. And that's what Robert Love provides.

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